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Campus moved by tsunami disaster

UMD organizations work together to provide aid

By TEAGAN HIGLEY
STAFF REPORTER

A large number of UMD students have been affected by the tsunami that struck the Indian Ocean region in late December.

Ruwan Adikaram, who is a student from Sri Lanka, lost a close friend in the disaster.

"So many people from all around have been really supportive," he said. He also said that he has received e-mails from students and professors giving support and condolences.

Other support came to him through the ITSS, which set up a line when no others worked to reach family members immediately following the disaster.

Health Services also set up meetings for those who sought counseling.

The International Club of UMD has also been diligently staffing their table in Kirby, equipped with a box for spare change and a sign-up sheet for those who wish to help out.

The organization is giving their donations to the Red Cross, which is handing out forms making the donations and time tax deductible. Last Friday alone the table came up with \$280. They have raised over \$400 since Jan. 18.

The International Club's table will be up until at least Jan. 26. "If everyone on campus gave just a dollar, we would have around \$20,000,"

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(Above) A man inspects two shipwrecked boats near a destroyed home, one month after the disastrous tsunami in Southeast Asia.

(Right) A man drives his motorcycle near rubble in Sri Lanka.



Legislature considering Rec Center expansion

By KELLEY BLOMBERG
STAFF REPORTER

By the end of May, UMD could be 18 months away from opening a brand new \$13 million addition to the Sports and Health Center.

Final construction plans have already been completed and all that stands in the way of the finished product is aid from state bonding.

The University of Minnesota hoped last year that the bonding bill would have passed in the legislature, as the cycle customarily follows. However, the legislature decided not to pass it, delaying the proposed construction process.

"The state made a big mistake not approving the bonding bill last year," said Vice Chancellor Greg Fox.

Although the Sports and Health Center addition is the first to be affected by the plans to revive parts of the campus, there are also plans to renovate the Life Science Building in order to accommodate the expanding Pharmacy program and lastly to improve the current Labovitz School of Business and Economics.

"From the campus' perspective this [Sports and Health Center] is our highest priority," said Fox. "Last time we added to the building, there were less than 7,500 students. Now there are over 10,000. Students have gotten much healthier lifestyles than students 15 years ago. There's a real sadness in the fact that it wasn't approved last year."

The progress of each of the three projects varies greatly. UMD has chosen an architect to design the renovations to the Life Science Building but has not yet produced any sketches or designs. And currently changes for the Labovitz School are still in their earliest stage.

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Swenson vandals plead guilty, repairs continue

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

The three boys involved in vandalizing the Swenson Science Building, a 12, 13 and 14-year-old, have now all pleaded guilty to the criminal vandalism charges.

The demolition and rebuilding process to repair the damage done to the Science Buildings is underway. University officials hope that the construction will be completed

in the early summer and faculty can begin to move into the building.

"There is no question that the building will be fully operating in the fall," said Greg Fox, vice chancellor of finance and operations. "We have had excellent cooperation with the contractor and the insurance company."

The University's insurance will be paying for most of the costs, but the contractor's

insurance will be paying a small amount. "The insurance company has been very understanding and knows the importance of the reconstruction," said Fox.

The vandals mostly damaged lab equipment and the replacement equipment has been ordered. Fox said that they are expecting to get the equipment in time to meet the construction deadlines.

Fox said officials were wor-

ried that the stud walls were damaged, but were pleased to find out that they were not. They've now been cleaned and are ready to use. "This helped to move along the construction quickly and help reduce the costs," said Fox.

Fox said the final damage total is still unknown, but he doesn't think it will exceed \$8 million.

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E-mail swindlers target students

Recipients urged to double-check shady e-mails

By JAIME BERGLUND
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It sounds like a variation on a favorite Northland pastime set to psychedelic jazz, but "phishing" is nothing more than a modern twist on an old trick.

"Phishing is a form of spam that is much more malicious in nature," said Steve Cawley, associate vice president and CIO of the Information Technology office at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. "It is an e-mail that tries to convince people to turn over personal information in order to take advantage of them."

So-called phishers send unsolicited e-mails, posing as financial institutions, and ask the recipient for personal information.

"These sites are really easy to create, but are very sophisticated," Cawley said. They are

created like spam and install themselves onto the computer in use.

Phishing has been a problem for a few years now, but it is becoming more and more common.

"Thousands and thousands of these e-mails are reported each month," said Cawley. "This is because phishing is an easy way to obtain information."

There is no information as to who is writing these e-mails and requesting the information.

"We have no evidence that it is University students who are sending the scams," Cawley said. "It could be anyone in the world."

"Students can lose all of their money and bounce the checks that they write."

-Steve Cawley,
CIO of UMTC

The only hint that it may be someone from Minnesota is that they have been using the TCF bank in the e-mails. TCF is a local bank that does a lot of business with students.

"If students give out their information to the phishers, the phishers are able to get access to the student's bank account," said Cawley. "Students can lose all of their money and bounce the checks that they write. This is an issue that normally takes months to resolve."

If a random e-mail is found asking for private information Cawley said to delete it right away.

"When you think about it, only about one in 1,000 of these e-mails are legitimate," Cawley said.

If unsure about an e-mail, call the financial institution to double-check. Also, be aware of the information requested.

"Never give your personal financial information over the Internet when asked for it over e-mail," said Cawley. "The bank already has the numbers it needs."

Even if an e-mail looks legitimate, check it out anyway.

"It is very rare that someone would get a request for this information. Just use common sense," said Cawley.

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First SA meeting of spring semester

'Deuce' program funding and Lobby Day on the agenda

By TEAGAN HIGLEY
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The UMD Student Association (SA) met Monday for the first time this semester and discussed this year's Lobby Day and potential funding for the "Deuce" program.

The SA first discussed Lobby Day, which is a large event where students go to the Capitol in St. Paul and talk about issues important to them.

"This is the biggest thing we as students support," Public Relations Director Matt Standal said.

The group plans to have five busloads of students go to this event on Feb. 16. Students interested in going can register electronically.

Duluth Days was also discussed, which will take place on Jan. 31. This is a meeting of Duluth legislatures and businesses, designed specifically to get money for Duluth. About 10-15 SA members will travel to the Capitol and present at different meetings.

The Student Affairs Committee also discussed its work

toward putting the Deuce plan into action. The Deuce program would allow any student to get a cab ride anywhere in Duluth for just \$2. However, funding is still needed from somewhere other than UMD.

Also on the SA's collective mind is the Commission on Higher Education. This commission was created in October of 2002 with the goal of studying and discussing the relationships between the four campuses in the Duluth area.

Mayor Herb Bergson still has to choose members to serve on this commission. The SA has sent him letters and continues to wait for his reply. The mayor has already appointed one

SA member.

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New TCF branch opens at UMD

By HEATHER TROW
STAFF REPORTER

Students have a new option when deciding where to bank while in Duluth.

UMD opened a full-service TCF bank on campus at the beginning of the semester.

Dan Backen, the branch manager of the new TCF Bank, believes the new branch will provide convenience and necessary services for UMD customers.

"We want to give our cus-

tomers the most convenient and full-service banking possible at our new location. We believe this location is much more convenient for the majority of our account holders," said Backen.

This new bank creates convenience for many college students that spend most of their time on campus.

"The advantages [of having a bank on campus] are many. Free check printing, free on-line banking, free check card,

the convenience of a bank at the location the customer often frequents, convenient hours, free coin counting, free ATM use and no minimum balance on a savings account," Backen said.

Backen also said that any student with financial queries or concerns can come speak with the TCF professionals.

"We have a very friendly, helpful and knowledgeable staff," he said.

The TCF bank will function

just like a typical bank, with the services and supplies necessary to manage finances and make students' lives easier.

"We are a full service bank," said Backen. Deposits, withdrawals, transfers, wire transfers, money orders and cashier's checks are all offered to customers. Also offered are Traveler's checks and U.S. Savings Bond redemption and purchase. Another important facet of the bank is the new lending department, for any

student who needs a little help paying their UMD tuition, or perhaps finding funding for housing. "TCF National Bank also offers a complete lending department, from educational loans to home mortgage loans," Backen added.

The UMD branch of TCF bank is open, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Duke frat party stars bikinis, baby oil

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In what was probably not a film class assignment, partying Duke University students were found re-enacting a movie scene with an inflatable wading pool, a whole lot of baby oil and female students in bikinis.

Police came upon the scene, an apparent homage to the 2003 comedy "Old School," in the basement of a Duke fraternity house early Sunday morning.

Police went to the home around midnight to check out a noise complaint and found about 200 students.

"Inside were several of America's future, re-enacting a scene from the movie 'Old School,' where females wrestle in a pool of lubricants," Durham Police Sgt. D. Gunter said. In their version, the Duke students apparently opted for baby oil.

Officers said they cleared out the house, sending some of the women home in the subfreezing temperatures in nothing more than the bikinis they wore.

Nicholas Hunter Roberts, who lives at the address, was charged with violating the city's noise ordinance.

BONDING BILL: SBE building estimate up to \$20.7 million

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The Sports and Health Center will include a three-level addition that is projected to increase the current space by almost 50 percent. Projected costs for this expansion total approximately \$4 million from student fees and \$8 million from state bonding.

The Life Science Building upgrades will include a renovation, which will update all utilities within the building and expansion in order to accommodate UMD's rapidly growing pharmacy program. This will occupy approximately two stories of the proposed three-story building. Since its initial building in 1968 the Life Science Building has gone without any significant renovations. The building houses large amounts of asbestos and lead paint; lacks fire detection and also a ventilation system. The total projected cost of the project at this point is \$15.1 million.

Preliminary estimates for the cost of the changes made to the Labovitz School of Business and Economics total \$20.7 million. The project is partially funded by a donation of \$4.5 million made to the school by Joel and Sharon Labovitz. According to Fox, half of the donation will be used directly for design and construction costs while the other half will be used to aid students enrolled in the Labovitz School. Plans are to increase the size of the building to 1.5 times.

Currently the legislature is moving in a direction that favors the University's plans. The Senate Bonding Committee approved all three projects and there is a possibility that the Senate could pass a bill that would include all three by the end of the month. The House, however, is just beginning deliberations on bonding and the outcome of their decisions will not be known until the end of February. If the legislature votes in favor of the University's plans, construction on the Sports and Health Center, the first item on the agenda, could happen during the 2005-06 school year.

"The final bill could be approved sometime in May," said Fox. "We would then tear down the ROTC building and start construction so that the building would be finished within 18 months."

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Former student sentenced to 60-day jail term

Blood alcohol level was .16 when apprehended

By KIEREN SELL
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A former UMD student is currently serving a 60-day jail term at the St. Louis County jail.

She pleaded guilty to the charge of causing substantial bodily harm while driving under the influence of alcohol relating to a hit-and-run accident that occurred in September.

Katie Irene Heard, 24, of Austin, Minn., was sentenced earlier in January in the St. Louis County Court, according to prosecutors. She will also be serving another 60-day sentence a year from now, unless she meets the requirements of her probation.

"During her two years of probation she will have to come up with a program to help educate students about the dangers of drunk driving," said St. Louis County prosecutor Vern Swanum. "If she can prove in court that she has done this, kept clean and fulfilled all of the other probationary requirements, she will not have to serve the second term."

Heard was also fined

\$2,000, but this will also decrease if she completes the terms of her probation. She is also participating in alcohol-dependency treatment and will have to attend and speak at victim's impact panels.

"She had a willingness and a desire to go to treatment," said Swanum. He also said that he felt the sentencing was fair and that it was a standard sentence for the crime.

Heard was a student of UMD, majoring in Education and Human Services, at the time of the accident, but is not registered for classes this spring. In a phone interview, Assistant Vice-Chancellor of Academic Support and Student Life Eric Weldy said that he is unaware if Heard was expelled because of the incident or is not registered because of her jail sentence.

On Sept. 30, Heard's pickup truck rear-ended Lisa Nicole Gross' vehicle numerous times on Woodland Avenue near the Kent Road intersection. The impact caused Gross, 19, to collide with a bus and to have severe headaches and other minor head injuries.

Heard fled the scene, but

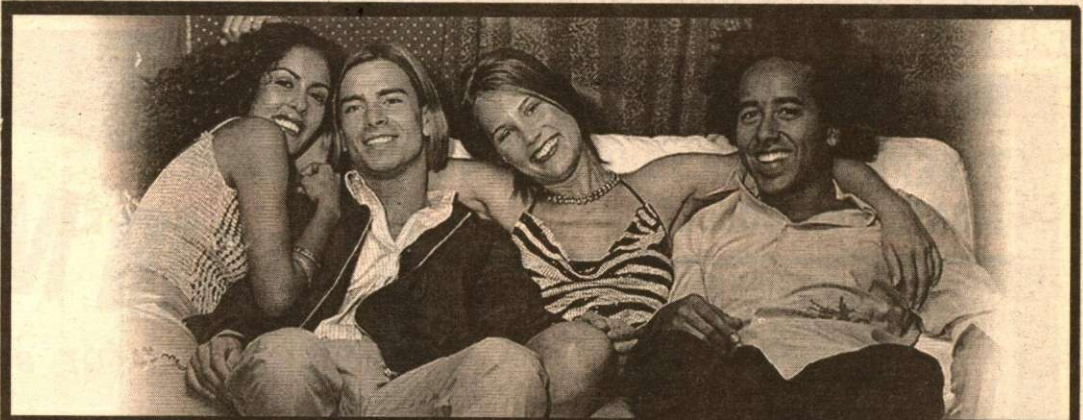
was found by UMD police in her dorm room with a .16 blood-alcohol level, much higher than the legal driving limit of .08. Heard admitted

that she had drank about 10 beers before the accident and a few more after she returned to her dorm room.

Heard's lawyer, Susan

Ginsberg, was unavailable for comments.

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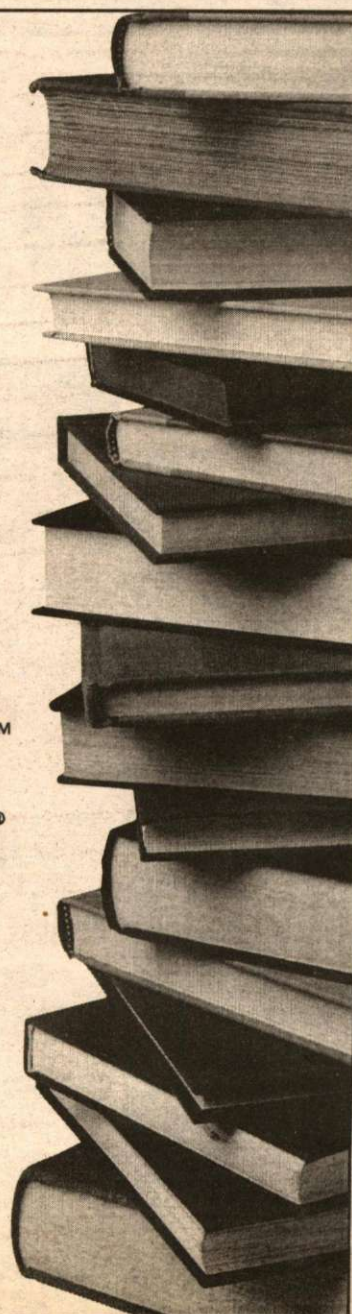
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TSUNAMI: Several groups raise support for victims

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says International Club member Ida Stevens.

Help for the table has come from MPIRG, the College Republicans and the College Democrats.

"Someone even came by and gave a check for \$60," said Ahmad Dib, a member of the International club. "I am amazed at people's generosity."

UMD has numerous students from the countries affected by the tsunami, including India, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. Other efforts have come from the Greek Organization, which put on a benefit dinner and dance at the DECC, Jan. 22. The tickets sold for \$18 and all proceeds went to the tsunami relief.

Greek members were not

certain if a lot of people were very enthusiastic about donating. Hopefully the sentiment for charity has grown as time has passed.


Future events at UMD for the tsunami victims include the Disaster Relief Benefit Dinner at UW-Superior on Feb. 1. Tickets are \$8.

Also noteworthy is the Feast of Nations, put on by the International Club in the Ballroom on Feb. 19, which will feature a fundraiser for victims.

Next week there will be a condolence book in Kirby, for those who wish to offer words of sympathy and encouragement to those affected by the disaster.


"It's given [students] a place to donate, express concern and raise awareness," said Stevens and Uduak Inyang from the International Club. The organization is only asking for spare change, and if that is not possible, time and support will certainly suffice.

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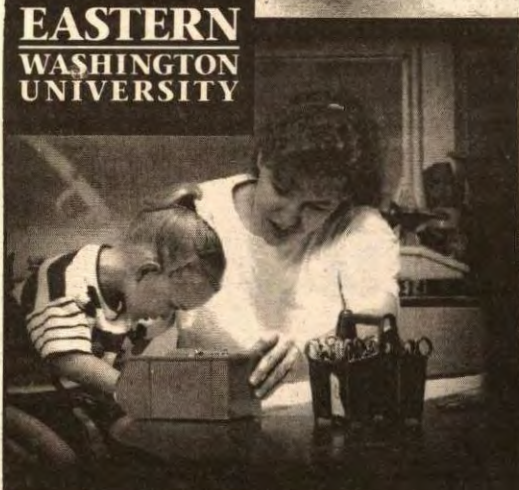
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Experts in higher education are perplexed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty's use of Colorado as a shining example of college-funding reform.

In his State of the State address last week, Pawlenty said he was intrigued by that state's system of guiding two-thirds of its higher education appropriations to students rather than the public colleges themselves. He directed administration officials to study whether a similar approach should be adopted in Minnesota.

Colorado's law hasn't been copied in other states so far.

"States wouldn't do this unless they had a gun to their head, and Colorado had a fiscal gun to its head," said Travis Reindl, director of state policy analysis for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. He called Colorado's program a "Hail Mary pass...borne not out of innovation, but out of desperation and necessity."

It is a product of that state's taxpayer's bill of rights, a 1992 law that limits spending and makes it more difficult for government to raise revenue. So when the state's economy hit a rough patch, leaders had to cut back on higher educa-

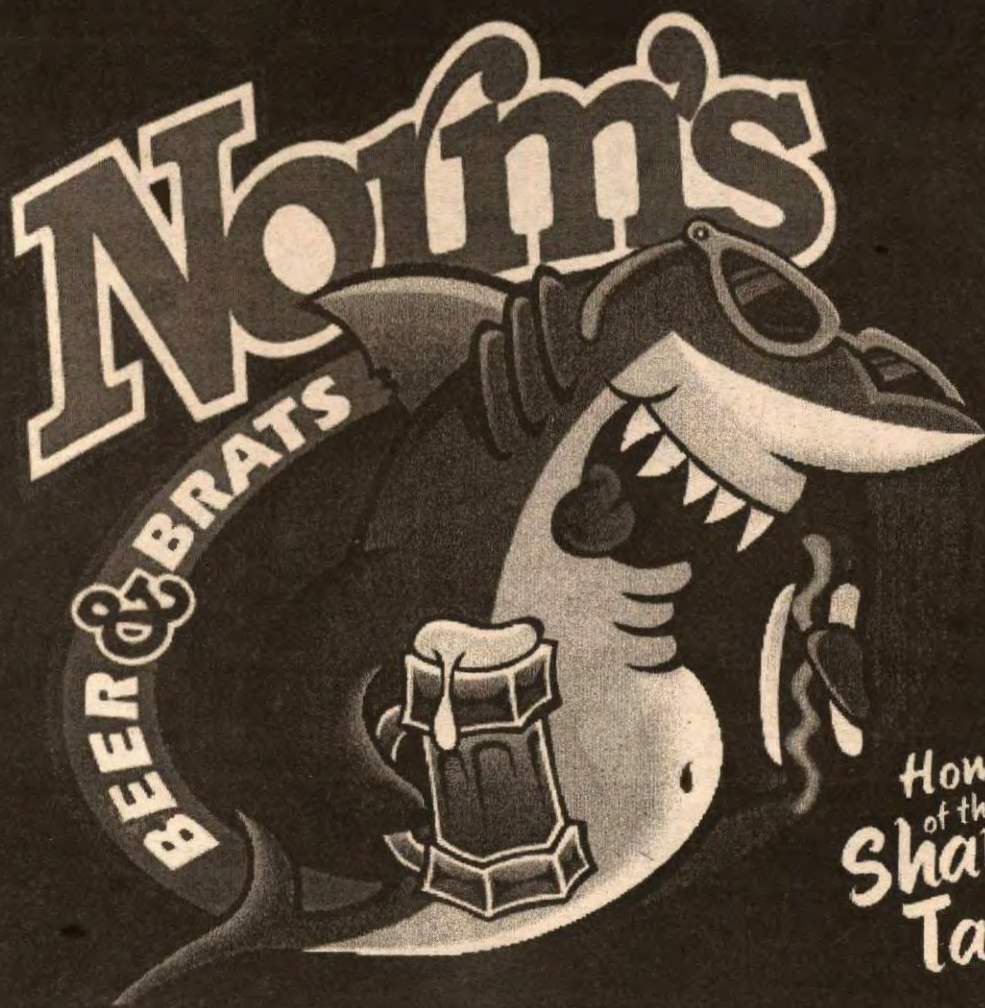
tion funding. And colleges and universities were prevented from raising tuition to fill the funding void.

As a result, Colorado decided to change its system to appropriate up to about \$2,400 for each resident college student who applies for the aid. The money goes to the college they attend, a sleight of hand that exempts it from the state spending law.

Minnesota shouldn't emulate Colorado, said University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. He called it "a recipe to erode the strength and capacity of the university to support its educational and research programs."

Rich Schweigert, the chief financial officer of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, said the system helps make college funding more transparent. He said it could spare higher education from cuts because parents and students will see a direct effect if government tries to cut that funding and will protest.

Pawlenty has asked for the study to be completed by next year, and any implementation of a new system wouldn't take place for at least another year after that.



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"I am increasingly hopeful that it will be less," he said.

The *Duluth News Tribune* received a court order that allowed them to obtain and publish the information about the trial, even though the boys involved are juveniles, because of the importance of the case to the community.

The three boys are facing charges of two counts of first-degree criminal damage to property, second-degree burglary and fourth-degree burglary.

According to the *News Tribune*, the 12 and 13-year-old boys are brothers and during his court appearance the 12-year-old said that their mom had given them a ride to UMD

that day. The 13-year-old admitted that he and the 14-year-old had entered the building on four separate and previous occasions.

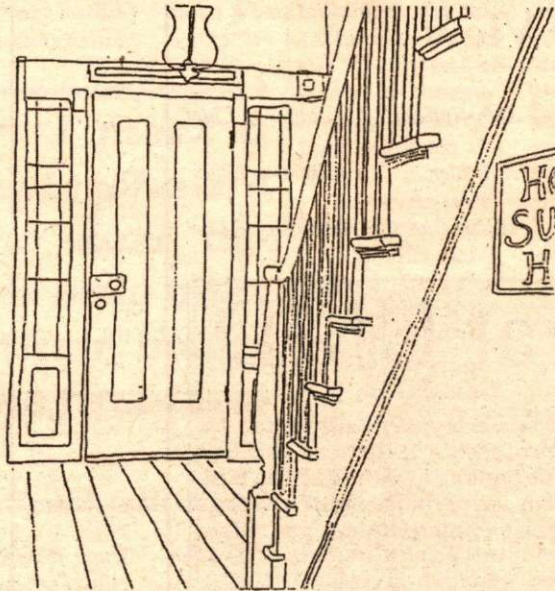
The 13-year-old said in court that the boys found and took a plastic key outside the building and used it to enter into the building the night the major damage was done.

"I am pleased that all of those involved have been caught and plead guilty," said Fox. "I am also glad that they were caught and it was found that UMD students are not to blame, as many in the community had thought."

Fox said that he believes the sentencing for the boys is likely to take place by the end of January. Fox also said that he trusts the courts will have the appropriate punishment for the boys and is hopeful that the community will find ways to work with the young boys and help rebuild their lives.

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Parking at UMD

For people that drive to school every day parking can be one of the most stressful times of the day. How can this be? UMD does have 10 different blue parking lots and two pay lots. There should be plenty of room for parking, right? Wrong. For some reason there is never enough parking, no matter how many lots UMD creates.

So where does the problem lie? Is it because there are not enough lots? Not likely. It seems like there is a new lot every year. Maybe the reason why the lots are always full, and there is never parking, is because the University is just selling too many parking permits for spots that are not there.

The University sells more permits than there are spots because they are assuming not everyone is going to be sitting in their parking spot all day long. They figure that some people will come and go from their spot, which will allow others to move into the spot. This is a legitimate assumption. Not all of us stay in our parking spot from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. But why isn't this assumption working? Should the University start thinking about maybe selling a few less parking permits? I believe so.

The University has gone to great lengths to try and alleviate this problem. New lots open up all the time and the University has arranged for students' bus fares to be free with their Ucard. However, if anyone has been riding the bus lately things have changed. There are a lot more people taking the bus (probably because of the parking problem) and now even the buses are getting full. At peak times during the day many people now have to stand while on the buses.

I understand that winter is not the best time to state my case on the parking situation. It is hard to plow and to get people to move their cars to plow, but for some reason the parking is horrible this winter. On Tuesday of this week the plows were clearing lot D at about 8:30-9 in the morning. It is a residential lot, but if they were plowing the lot where did all the cars go that were there? Oh yeah, in the dirt lots across from the library. Therefore about 50 cars were out of a spot at a prime time in the day. Is it possible that the plowing could have been done at a different time in the day when students weren't fighting for spots? Who decides when plows are and are not out on campus? How do students even know when to move their cars to plow? Sure you could call parking services at 726-7433 but what if they are closed? Students could check the Web site, but that information is not there.

Things have been so bad that people have been "creeping" in some of the most obscure lots. The library creepers have turned the corner of the pay lot just to get a spot. The new lot across St. Marie Street had a line of four deep on Tuesday. On a good day, without snow, students can get a spot, any spot, sometime before 11 a.m. But now people can't even get a spot at 9 a.m.

Maybe we as students just need to suck it up and quit complaining. People can walk and people can carpool. There are solutions as to how people get to school, they just aren't the solutions people are looking for.

So, if there is a solution, what could it be? A parking ramp? More available housing closer to campus so students can walk? What is the solution?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-Women's Studies article a good thing?

I would like to thank Peter Carpenter for submitting his "Women's Studies Promote Sexism" article. Wait! Don't start filling up my inbox or calling my fiancé with your condolences just yet. I disagree with Peter completely. Phew. My favorite classes were ones that forced me to defend what I thought—hardly a waste of time.

I'm thanking Peter for writing an article that got under people's skin. Why? Students, faculty and alums alike all got

riled up and were forced to defend their position and examine why they felt the way they did. A college paper needs that on a regular basis. Our paper reads more like my hometown gazette most weeks. I regularly page through the paper and this was the first time I felt that good ole pissed off feeling down deep in my chest.

I earned my undergrad degree at UWSP and only half jokingly refer to it as "PCU, home of granola hippies." Protests and do-gooders everywhere! My favorite student paper author was Pat Rothfuss, who spent seven plus years earning his English major (15+ minors at last count). Every week was a new entry that, in every sense, pissed off half the campus. Example: "Ladies,

appreciate your stalkers" (don't get the wrong impression; he ripped on every group along the way). He even marketed t-shirts saying, "I am not Pat Rothfuss" which he gave out to those that wrote him mail he used in his column.

I encourage the UMD newspaper and all students to submit articles that will strike a nerve. You're in college for crying out loud! Use that noggin' you're filling to get away from the "why my candidate rules" and "did anyone see the new UMD logo?" genre. Who knows? You may open someone's eyes or even learn something about yourself.

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UMD Bookstore skins students alive



By UZAIR MUKADAM
STAFF WRITER

The beginning of every semester brings with it the possibility of damnation. Sure, you have ditched the professors you did not like from last semester, but your new 8 a.m. classes are already driving you up the wall. And, on top of that, it is that time of the year yet again – you now have the privilege of spending your life savings on textbooks.

It's insane to pay hundreds of dollars for books that will only be used once in a lifetime. Wise men once said that you could not put a price on knowledge, but given tuition plus the added cost of books, I wonder, how many current college students would agree with that adage nowadays? Ask any college student and I would be surprised if even one out of a hundred agrees. Yet, classes require that we spend the money, so we must. All we can do is

convince ourselves that it is all going to be worth it when we go out in the real world.

So where else to go for books but the UMD Bookstore? Every year, I meet a number of students who are experiencing the same agony as I am. The only ones excited about their books are, of course, the first-term freshmen. They are satisfied simply by the "achievement" of being able to find the Bookstore. Someone probably told them used books were sold in Darland 241 (a naughty sophomore, I am guessing). But that's ok! Even we were there, once upon a time. Come next spring, they will learn to endure the semiannual pain of purchasing their textbooks, just like the rest of us.

Back to my narration: I enter the paradise of books and book lovers and I nonchalantly walk up and go aisle-by-aisle and pick up my required textbooks. It is better not to look at the prices and instead focus

just on the books – try to pick out the used ones; a wise old man once told me they would probably be cheaper (though not by much). Now to walk to the counter – I am greeted by a wonderful cashier; very cordial and courteous. As the cashier

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rings me up, my dream world of books without prices comes crashing down – my total for three books comes to a mind-blowing \$500.

I get home from this ordeal only to be bitched at by my roommate for spending so much money on the textbooks. He then takes me to the computer and shows me the same books online at Half.com, Ama-

zon.com and eBay all of them at least \$30 cheaper. One of my books was nearly half of the cost online compared to the Bookstore. The price comparison was even more atrocious when looking at the new books. My total bill after buying the books online was \$200 cheaper. Luckily, I still had time to return the books.

There can hardly be any justification for this much difference in price, though one of the managers of the Bookstore claims it is because they buy books from publishers (and sell it at retail). These books are of course more expensive than purchasing them used from possibly unreliable individuals. However, the Bookstore pays peanuts at the end of the semester for the books they sold for unbelievable amounts. They will hardly give you \$25 for a book that they sold new to you for nearly \$120. Then they will put a yellow tag on the same book that says, "used" and sell it for

nearly \$80. How can that be justified? If the price difference was just on the new books, I might still buy their argument. But on used books, especially when they buy them back so cheap, what they do is hardly justifiable. Most college students don't have enough money to pay for tuition, so selling students books this expensive and then buying them back for practically nothing, isn't exactly appreciated by students.

From many online Web sites, my experience is that students can expect to get half if not 60 percent back of what they paid. So what should keep students going to the Bookstore? Though I agree that it is not exactly a charity organization, the very least the Bookstore should do is give the students a fair deal instead of ripping them off and making inordinate amounts of money, especially off the used books. If they continue on this path, more and more students will opt for a Half.com or an Amazon.com transaction instead of paying much more at the Bookstore. If the Bookstore really is the business it claims to be, maybe it's time to compete.

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Expect trouble with Social Security

By JP LEIDER
OPINION EDITOR

Instead of pushing for those clinics in every community that he spoke of in his party's acceptance speech in 2004, Bush has decided to take the route he has so many times before: disguise an ultra-conservative scheme as something for the greater good, especially while helping big business at the expense of the average citizen. Whether it is "Clear Skies" or the Medicare nightmare, Bush's history of changing programs is not an overly positive one. Given the bipartisan resistance (he really is a uniter) to his Social Security proposal, not to mention the facts and figures themselves, it is doubtful that Bush will fare any better trying to tame the animal that is Social Security.

Bush has recently begun pushing an ambitious, if not audacious, agenda, which is mainly comprised of allowing for the partial privatization of Social Security. He claims, "The crisis [in Social Security] is now." It does not seem to matter that we have 13 years until costs exceed revenue, or until 2042, when the fund finally runs dry. Even though Bush knows (or would if he took the time to read the Social Security Administration's Trustees report) that it would only take an increase of 1.89 percent in payroll taxes to stabilize the system for the next 75 years, he is taking this opportunity to force-feed the American public more of his conservative ideology. After all, what is more conservative than taking money that would be going to the government and diverting it to private industry?

Though it is true enough that the money is in the hands of the people, it is hard not to think of this proposal as another handout to big business – Wall Street, in this case. Yes, the SEC has put in place safeguards to prevent a crash (circa the Great Depression), but what is to stop John Doe from losing it all in an unlucky downswing in the market? Or a gullible, elderly person from losing substantially in a "Boiler Room-esque" scam? It is easy to say that "I can invest my money better than the government," especially since you probably can, in good times. Yet, when the days of the tech bubble bursting are remembered, it is not normally a pleasant experience for most investors.

Now imagine that every working person could participate, to varying degrees, in the game of chance that is the Stock Market. Would most play it safe with a market index fund, or try their hand at stocks? Most believing that they can do better than the government is easily likened to the average person believing

he/she is a good driver, but there are hundreds of crashes a day – it is troubling to think that that could be someone's life savings.

A little frightening, isn't it? If it is troubling, you can play it safe. According to an analysis by the *Washington Post*, under one of Bush's proposals, you can choose not to invest in a private account. The downside is that you can expect to lose benefits. The new system would be based around price indexing (inflation), which, historically, increases more slowly than wages. In essence, Bush is once again shifting the tax burden to our generation.

It is easy to get the feeling that Bush really does not care about our generation, even with all the programs that he has championed for us. Oh, right – he did "Clear Skies" and No Child Left Behind. If those were the marvels he makes them out to be, perhaps the argument could be made that he cared. But alas, though they may or may not have the "Orwellian" names that former Democratic nominee John Kerry claimed them to have, the bottom-line is that Bush used them for political gain, even though they do not do enough, if anything, to address the problems of today.

It might be nice if the case against Bush ended there, but from his failed promise of raising the maximum entitlement of a Pell Grant to \$5,100 (factcheck.org) from his first term to his taxing philosophy, we can see Bush is only concerned for the baby boomers – and the rich ones, at that.

The worst part is that we have no real way to stop him or his kind; not for another four years, anyway. And with no end to the Iraq war (or the War on Terror, at large), we can continue to expect our generation to pay the most, financially and otherwise. It was one thing when Bill Clinton did it (Kosovo, etc.) – he did not raise taxes but managed to reap a record surplus from his budget, with (albeit smaller) war costs and all. Bush, on the other hand, has created a record deficit from bad policies that are not likely to change in the near future – and we have a war on.

There will come a time when Social Security policy actually matters to us. When that time comes, and our nation begins spiraling out of control due to instability from the debt caused by Social Security (not to mention the pervasive control of big business and a bad environment) many Republicans can at least take solace in the fact that, when they were in college, their man, George W. Bush, started it all.

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Pro-life feminists?

By NICK BRAUS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Recently some interesting flyers have been appearing around campus. They advertise a group of feminists who oppose abortion on the grounds that women deserve a life without abortion just as they deserve one without denigration or exploitation. I'd like to draw attention to these 'Feminists for Life,' because their particular take on the abortion issue has a disturbing appeal.

'Empower women!' they say. Stand up and fight *all* forms of violence against women, whether a lower salary, a black eye or an abortion. Addressing abortion by speaking to the plight of women, they bring new energy to a stalled debate and they open their campaign to people from across the political spectrum—particularly the left. To many, their goal will sound fairly straightforward, even noble.

But it's not. In fact, it's based on something quite confusing. Their opposition to abortion rests on the premise that abortion is a social injustice. Yet, as a medical procedure, abortion is merely *indicative* of social injustice; it itself is not unjust, but rather a reflection of injustice. Like the reflection in a mirror, this can cause some confusion. And confusion is precisely the reason for alarm. Because inserting abortion into the social justice equation as an imperative on par with slave labor or domestic abuse actually *blurs* that equation.

To their credit, Feminists for Life have captured an important sentiment which the 'pro-choice' argument tends to overlook: that aborting a pregnancy often has less to do with the right to choose than with the absence of choices in life. Yet having done so, they hastily conclude

that since abortions stem from the absence of decent choices for women, the truly 'pro-choice' and 'pro-woman' position is, in fact, a 'pro-life' position.

However, many people who are deeply concerned about the oppression of women see abortion as a terrible, even appalling thing—yet they are *not* pro-life. With an understanding that abortions are to oppression what amputations are to war, their outrage moves them to condemn oppression itself, rather than its repercussions, or worse, its victims.

Feminists for Life are not using abortion to further the fight against oppression. They are using the existence of oppression—yes, *using* the plight of women—to shore up a pro-life agenda with the moral weight of social justice. And with such deception they pursue politics at the expense of justice, particularly justice for women.

Well, shame on them. The pro-life agenda will never provide women more choices, more dignity or more freedom until it stops focusing on abortion and starts focusing on well managed state funding for social services, early childhood care and family planning. Until this happens, abortions will continue regardless of how many people are opposed to it.

Feminists for Life are right that many women who seek abortions have been backed into a painful corner. This being the case, however, their situation becomes less about politics as it is about compassion and helping people in need. Indeed, abortion is not about these poor women's rights or 'women's rights' in general. It's about women's immediate needs as people and *society's* right—in fact its obligation—to help them in whatever way we can.

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Random Genius

It is time once again for movie trivia. Name the movie quoted from below and win a fabulous prize*.

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How to spot a UMD freshman



By KEITH GRAUMAN
STAFF REPORTER

What has two legs, messy hair, bad breath and wears sandals in the winter? That's right, an authentic UMD freshman.

There are many characteristics that are exclusive to freshmen, but only by reading this simple guide will you be able to identify them.

The behavior of a freshman is similar to that of a curious baby bird that fell out of the nest a bit too early. Like a baby bird, a freshman's eyes are underdeveloped and are usually wide open, taking in every little bit of information. They focus in on each creature that crosses their paths, desperately searching through the harsh animal kingdom for a helping hand or a familiar face.

Life out of the nest can be scary, which is why freshmen travel exclusively in packs - in

the halls, at parties, walking to the Dining Center and working out. Even a task as simple as going pee requires five girls crammed into one bathroom.

At a party, look for the guy in the corner sipping his Milwaukee's Best can like it was 40-year-old red wine. If you really want to make sure, tell him the Dollar Store is having a buy-one-get-one-free deal on 3-liter bottles of grape Faygo and watch him flip his wig.

Freshmen love these first feelings of freedom. Hell, the DC allows them to eat nothing but ice cream if they want.

Many freshmen experiment with their freedom by smoking cigarettes. They're 18, so why shouldn't they? Smoking was still cool the last time I checked. And spotting these virgin smokers is simple and can be quite humorous.

An experienced smoker grasps a cigarette tightly between two fingers and two fingers only. Inexperienced smokers hold the cig between two fingers, but they bring their whole palm up to their mouth when taking a puff.

Freshmen also do this weird, pucker before taking a drag, almost as if they were princesses getting ready to kiss a frog. Once they are ready to exhale, they watch the smoke exit their puckered mouths to make sure they're doing it right.

I'm as baffled by the freshmen smoking epidemic as I am by their attraction to Uggs. Freshman style and trends are somewhat of an enigma. It is hard on the brain and tough

on the retinas for an outsider to look at.

Freshmen are usually on a tight budget. I understand this is true for many college students, however most of us are able to free up the 10 bucks it takes to get a simple haircut. I know that those bulk boxes of Easy Mac can get pricey at Sam's Club, but if you bought just one less sack of Pizza Rolls per week, you would have more than enough to walk down to BAM Style and let them fix you up.

I saw one girl the other day that reminded me of what it would look like if all the hippies in the world were eaten by a big, corporately owned monster and then barfed up. She had the tie-dye shirt, wool shawl, Carhart work pants, hiking boots, big, fat, tick-infested dreadlocks and a Nalgene bottle swinging from side to side on a carabineer like a donkey's tail swatting flies. She had become...Franken-Hippie!

Match one of the aforementioned cues with any other and you've got yourself a 100 percent, pure-bred, green-horned, slack-jawed, muffin-lovin' freshman - U-Card holders given to dorm dwellers, lanyards displayed proudly, sandals in winter, "Uggz" boots coupled with tank tops. Oh, and that smell you can never put your finger on - that's them, too.

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Top Ten Ways Superbowl XXXIX Could Be More Interesting

By Tim Anderson

1. Cheerleaders cheer nude...or they don't cheer at all.
2. Penalty flags are replaced with panties - sweet, sexy, stolen panties.
3. Announcers spend at least 15 minutes talking about the pros and cons of privatizing social security.
4. Even more creepy sex pill commercials.
5. Live shots of Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills fans sitting at home contemplating suicide.
6. Fans play "Guess the Transsexual" with the cheerleaders at halftime.
7. Each time the other team scores, opposing players must take shots of Jagermeister.
8. Interrupt crucial play in the fourth quarter for an episode of "Heidi." God knows it didn't piss off enough people the first time.
9. Jumbotron "mistakenly" plays five seconds of hardcore midget pornography.
10. During the halftime show, Justin Timberlake pulls down Jack Black's shirt and exposes the hottest man boobs in America.



Salutations, Terry

Necessary advice for everyday living

Hey Terry,

I've been living in Heaney since the beginning of the year, but have yet to say more than 10 words to my roommates. They're the partying type - I'm not. They're trendy - I'm not. I'm studious - they're not. I'm an upperclassman - they're not. I'm sick of the awkward silence and forced politeness. I want a more comfortable living situation. Advice?

The Outsider

TO,

I know where you're coming from here. As an androgyne, weirdness between my college roommates and I was seeming-

ly unfixable. I mean, it didn't help that one of them was a 300-pound midget with a rifle under his bed. Whatever.

One of the best ways to get the biatches to like you is to connect with them. What does the stick-up-the-ass type have in common with the Hollister and Co.-boozing-bimbo type? The list is endless.

For starters, ya'll have vaginas! Score! Consequently, you all have periods, ovaries and struggle to maintain a chafe-free bikini area. You don't live your Friday nights out of a plastic cup and a keg, and they don't spend their evenings (and every waking moment) fixated on textbooks. But, TO, there's

no such thing as designer maxi pads. When it comes to flow stoppage, you're all in the same generic, coupon-item boat.

Stop in their room sometime and make conversation about the taboo topic.

"I was under the bathroom sink and saw that you've got those Tampax Pearl tampons. How do they stack up to the cardboard applicators, really?"

Skipper and Barbie will be floored that you care so much about their feminine hygiene. On your way out, turn around and give them the thumbs up.

You and the girls also poop in the same John! It's a very

intimate connection if you think about it. What's their toilet paper preference? Angel Soft? Charmin? What about this new Charmin Ultra stuff - is less really more? Buy some next time it's your turn and arrange a toilet paper workshop. Share your thoughts, dreams and that tidbit you picked up a few years ago about how wiping your ass downwards increases the chance of genital infection. The roomies will envy your womanly intelligence, and even though they won't admit it, they'll breathe easy knowing, at long last, why they blow 20 bucks a month on Monistat. Gross.

If all else fails, look to the obvious common threads you and the terrible twosome share:

You all were born at some point. You've got breasts, uvulas (those hangy-ball things in the back of your mouth) and have probably seen "The Princess Bride" at least once.

As dissimilar as you think you and "they" are, there's always something you share. Make conversation about it. Nine times out of 10, they'll wait until you're gone and rip into you to boost their feeble self-esteem. But, for that one time that your efforts work, you'll be glad you took the risk.

Salutations, Terry

P.S. If my tips fail, I recommend booby-trapping the apartment daily for the rest of the semester. Your roomies will blame you, but deny it. Then, at the end of the year, slash their tires and fly outta' there like a bat outta' Hell.



Glad to be back and ready to answer your questions that will, undoubtedly, come pouring in at any moment. That is if you're cool enough to send them...I mean, if you're really cool. salutations_terry@yahoo.com.

FEATURED ATTRACTION: DULUTH 10

By RACHEL SKELTON
STAFF REPORTER

Canal Park has a new establishment to add to its many existing entertainment attractions. Duluth 10 is a 10-screen, \$6 million movie theater which opened its doors Dec. 22. The opening of the lavish theater coincided with the closure of Hermantown's Cinema 8 on Dec. 19. The holiday season is always a successful time for movie theaters, and the new theater was no exception as it drew in countless tourists, couples and families.

Duluth 10 manager Gene Bondeson said in a phone interview that Cinema Entertainment Corporation (CEC), the company that owns both Lakes 10 and Cinema 8, brought up the idea to build a new theater in the Twin Ports in 2003.

"We realized that we either needed to rebuild Cinema 8 or find a new location," said Bondeson. The new location soon presented itself when the DECC also began plans to build a new movie theater. Negotiations between the DECC and CEC took place and the DECC agreed to lease the location after the corporation offered to build the theater. Construction for Duluth 10 began last March.

"It's a win-win situation," said Bondeson. "The DECC wanted a new theater and we provided it. After the failure of the Great Lakes Aquarium, Duluth taxpayers were worried about the new theater being city-owned. But our theater

is privately-owned and Duluth taxpayers aren't involved."

Bondeson believes that the theater's ideal location is one of the biggest reasons for its success.

"There hasn't been a big commercial theater in Duluth for a long time...one of the reasons for this is the parking issue," said Bondeson.

Parking is not a problem at Duluth 10. The spacious lot has a parking fee of \$3, which is reimbursed inside at the ticket counter or concession stand.

"We have received countless comments on how the location is so convenient...close to the freeway and near all of the other popular attractions in Canal Park," said Bondeson.

Restaurants and shops in Canal Park are also reaping the benefits from Duluth 10.

"The waits are longer since the new theater opened for business. Everyone I've talked to really likes it, and sometimes employees even go see matinees during breaks from work," said Red Lobster server Brad Bucklin.

The Green Mill has also experienced a boom from the opening of Duluth 10.

"We have definitely seen extra business since the theater's opening, particularly late-night business," said Green Mill general manager Doug Smith.

According to Bondeson, Lakes 10 has also profited from the construction of the new Cineplex. Last February and March, \$40,000 was put into refurbishing the theater.



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

Duluth 10, a 10-screen movie theater located in Canal Park that opened on Dec. 22, credits the theater's location for its success.

"The last thing we want is to have a 'good' theater and a 'bad' theater in the area. We put money into Lakes 10 so that it wouldn't be so different from the newer theater," explained Bondeson.

Duluth 10 boasts state-of-the-art movie projectors and a high quality digital stereo surround sound system. Its screens are larger and it seats almost 400 more moviegoers than Lakes 10 in comfortable, reclining seats with moveable armrests. The lobby of the

theater is decked out in a nautical theme with a lighthouse, anchors and other Lake Superior-esque decorations.

Bondeson said that several college students, including UMD students, are employed at Duluth 10, but was not at liberty to disclose any names.

Duluthians are not the only ones who are singing the praises of Duluth 10.

Jeanne Doherty of Golden Valley, Minn., and her fiancé enjoyed a weekend up north and Martin Scorsese's "The

Aviator" at Duluth 10.

"We can't wait to come back this summer to enjoy the beauty of Duluth, take a walk on the Lakewalk, eat out and of course, catch another movie at Duluth 10."

Duluth 10 is located at 350 Harbor Drive inside the same building as the Omnimax. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children, seniors and matinees. Call 729-0335 for movie show times.

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Splash Beach Club makes dry waves



TONY MARQUARDT/UMD STATESMAN

Splash Beach Club entices the younger crowd with 18+ dry nights every weekend.

By LIBBY HARRIS
STAFF REPORTER

The newest addition to Duluth's nightlife, the Splash Beach Club, opened Jan. 14, and offers a new twist on the nightclub scene to draw young crowds. The Splash Beach Club is similar to the typical dance club, featuring popular dance music and entertainment as other nightspots. But unlike many of its competitors, Splash Beach Club doesn't sell alcohol. Hoping to capture the under 21 crowd, Splash serves Red Bull, but little else.

Located at the former Western Tavern bar on Superior Street, Splash Beach Club

is the only nightclub in the Duluth area that is completely dry and open to everyone 18+ on Friday and Saturday nights. Splash hopes to become Duluth's next hot spot, beginning its nights at 9 p.m. and closing at 2 a.m.

Starting along with the new club is the new radio show "The Party Zone" airing on 92.1 FM. Broadcasting live from Splash Beach Club, "The Party Zone" will feature DJ Tony Hart with top dance hits including everything from Snoop Dogg to Britney Spears.

Hart says that having "The Party Zone" broadcast live helps promote the club.

"When people drive around in their cars looking for something to do they hear us live and come down," said Hart.

As for attendance, Hart said that Splash Beach Club has had "pretty good size crowds the past two weekends and had a phenomenal opening night."

The new club hasn't created much of a buzz with college students since its opening a few weeks ago.

"I'm not that impressed with the idea. But what else are freshmen going to do?" said UMD senior Audrey Kunert.

Splash's owner, Mike Neal, sees it differently.

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SPLASH: Duluth night- clubs welcome the competition

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"Our club is just a different scene and a different group of people," said Neal.

Neal has plenty of experience managing nightclubs. He previously owned two dance clubs in Des Moines, Iowa, before relocating to the Northland.

"I figured, 'Why not try another one?'" said Neal.

Despite reports to the contrary, Neal says that he plans to keep the club alcohol-free.

"The club will be alcohol-

free unless the business isn't successful," said Neal. "I have every intention of being successful without alcohol."

Judging from Splash's Friday and Saturday night turnouts, the club is a success already.

"We're doing awesome, especially if you consider that our opening night was 40 degrees below zero, and last weekend we had 16 inches of snow, our turnout has been good," said Neal. "Every night we have had about 300-400 people."

Neal is optimistic about the new venue. "We have people who come all the way from Silver Bay just to party."

Neal says his club is an alternative to Superior's Stargate, which is only open to minors on Wednesday evenings.

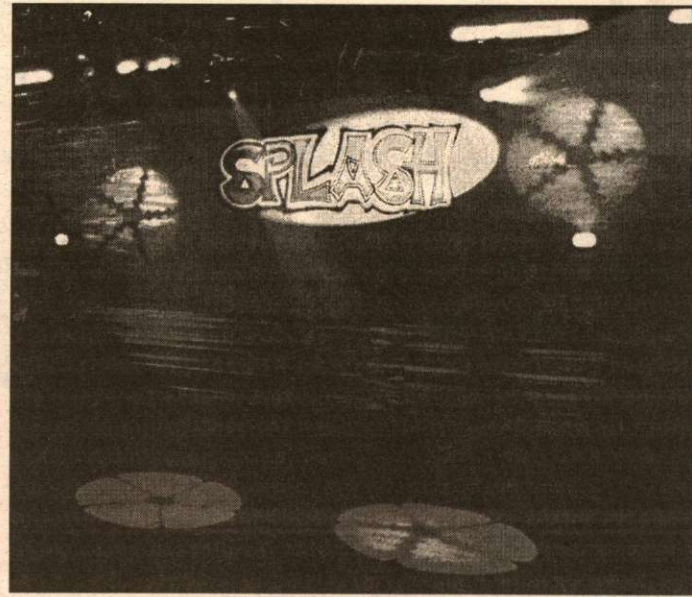
"We have a \$5 cover, but

you save at least \$1 by not having to drive over the bridge," said Neal.

Other bar owners welcome the competition that Splash brings. Duluth Athletic Club and 21 North owner, Mike Emerson says that Splash's opening is "good for business." While the club may seem like a competitor, Emerson stresses that 18+ clubs "help other clubs avoid problems with minors."

The Splash Beach Club hopes to continue to expand its business and increase its patronage by offering contests, giveaways and beginning in March, Friday nights will feature foam parties.

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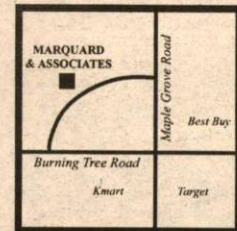
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The soon-to-be classic films of 2004

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

Many moviegoers were pleased with what 2004 had to offer. Family films reached a peak with "Shrek 2" and "The Incredibles." Sequels also reached a new high with "Spider-Man 2" and "The Bourne Supremacy." Documentaries also continued to challenge important topics with "Super Size Me" and "Fahrenheit 9/11."

New directors provided freshness and experienced directors created some of their finest work. It was not an easy task to narrow my top 10 list to the following films.

1. *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (directed by Michel Gondry; R)

It's a bit ironic that the

subject of the year's most unforgettable film was memory loss. In "Eternal Sunshine" Jim Carrey plays Joel, a broken-hearted loner who decides to get his ex-girlfriend, Clementine (Kate Winslet), off his mind by having her clinically erased.

Michel Gondry directs "Sunshine" with an abundance of style, as Joel's memories are erased in reverse order. Each revealed memory leads to a lovely and heartbreaking scene that could only be dreamed up by the remarkably original Charlie Kaufman. "Sunshine" bends our minds, fills our brains and breaks our hearts while saying a great deal about memories and love without being preachy or illogical.

2. *Million Dollar Baby* (Clint Eastwood; PG-13)

Good filmmaking takes passion, skill, experience and above all, heart, which are many of the same qualities that are necessary in the sport of boxing. In "Million Dollar Baby," Clint Eastwood's equally powerful follow-up to last year's "Mystic River."

Hilary Swank plays 32-year-old boxing wannabe Maggie Fitzgerald. Maggie is considered too old, too inexperienced and too "girly" to be a great boxer, but she also has more heart and passion than anyone in the gym. "Million Dollar Baby" throws all the right punches and hits you like a left hook; it's easily the best boxing film since 1980's "Raging Bull."

3. *House of Flying Daggers* (Zhang Yimou; PG-13)

Zhang Yimou, who also directed the visually stunning "Hero" earlier in the year, not only captures the visual beauty of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," but also often surpasses it.

The beautiful Ziyi Zhang steals the show as Mei, a gifted blind dancer who is rumored to be a member of the House of Flying Daggers, an anti-government group that steals from the rich and gives to the poor.

A wealthy playboy, Jin, is hired to follow her back to the House of Flying Daggers in hopes of finding and repressing the revolutionary group but instead finds himself falling in

love with her. "House of Flying Daggers" is breathtaking, romantic and easily the most beautiful film of the year.

4. *Sideways* (Alexander Payne; R)

Great movies are like a fine wine: they get better with time. Alexander Payne's funny and touching new comedy, "Sideways," is the rare type of film that is likely to get better with each passing year. Paul Giamatti gives a superb performance as Miles, a divorced author who along with his college roommate Jack, goes on a wine-tasting road trip through California's wine country. "Sideways" is superbly written, refreshingly original and remarkably true.

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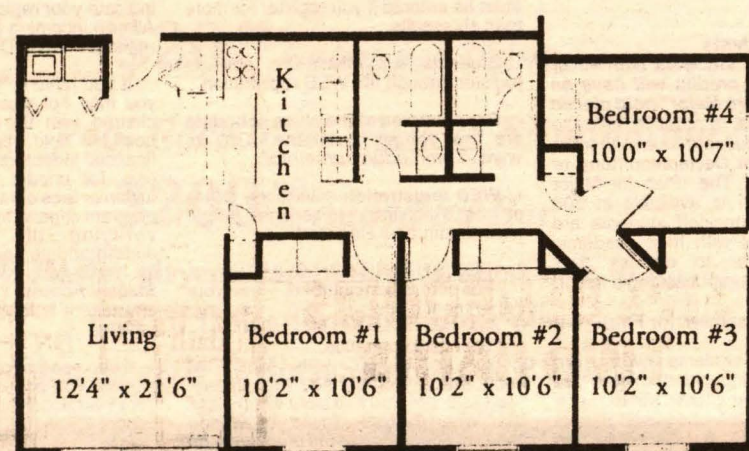
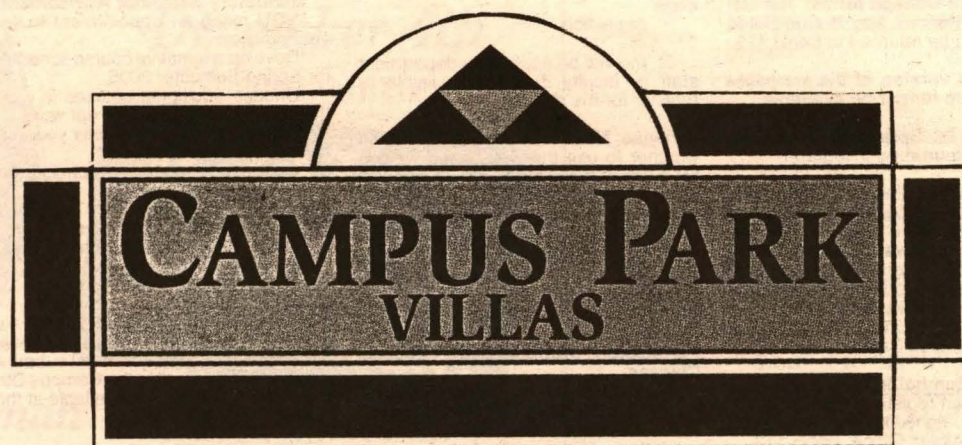
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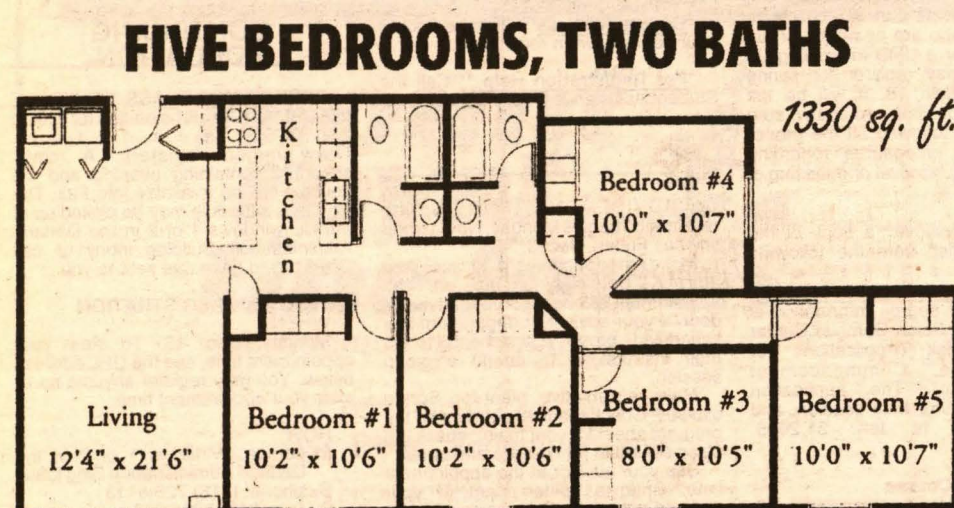
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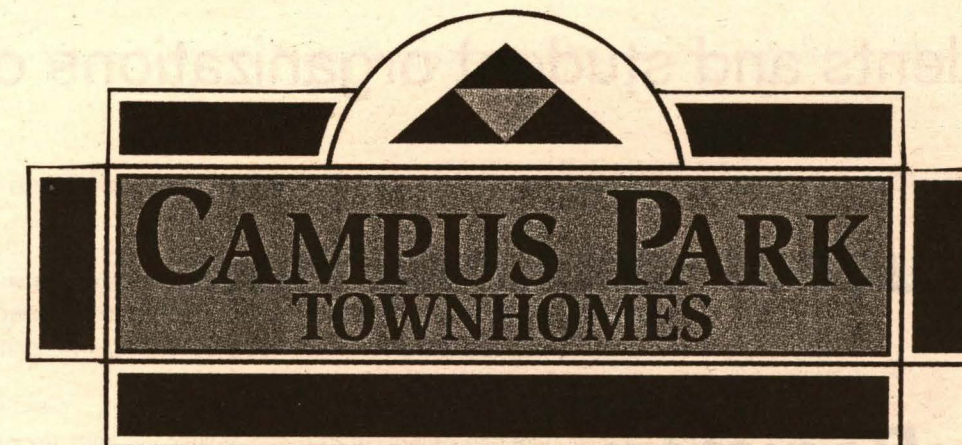
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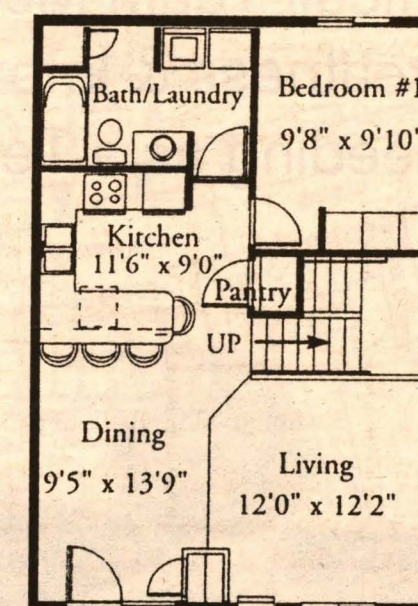
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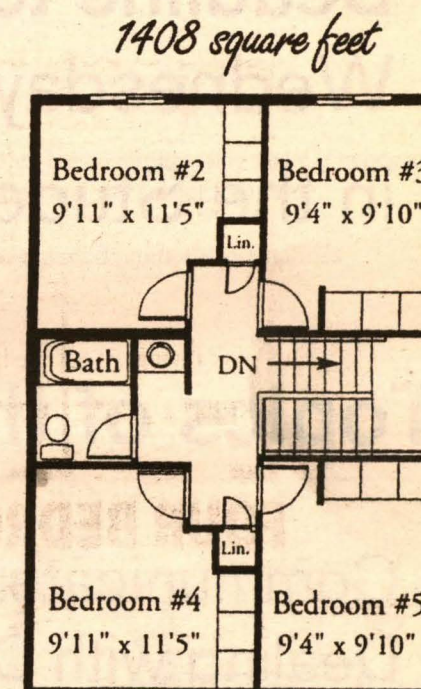


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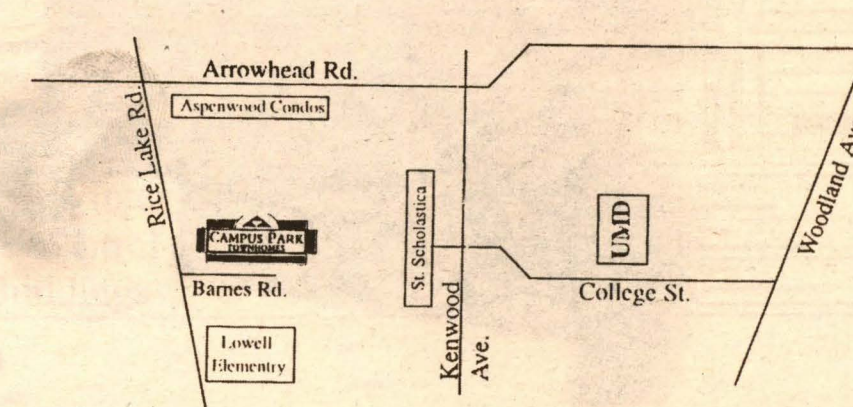


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TV Legend Johnny Carson dies at 79

By LYNN ELBER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

Johnny Carson, the quick-witted "Tonight Show" host

who became a national institution putting his viewers to bed for 30 years with a smooth nightcap of celebrity banter

and heartland charm, died Sunday. He was 79.

Carson died early Sunday morning, according to his nephew, Jeff Sotzing. "He was surrounded by his family, whose loss will be immeasurable," Sotzing told The Associated Press.

He did not provide further details, but NBC said Carson died of emphysema, a respiratory disease that can be attributed to smoking, at his Malibu home.

The Nebraska native with the disarming grin, who survived every attempt to topple him from his late-night talk show throne, was a star who managed never to distance himself from his audience.

His wealth, the adoration of his guests, particularly the many young comics whose careers he launched, the wry tales of multiple divorces: Carson's air of modesty made it all serve to enhance his bedtime intimacy with viewers.

"Heeeeere's Johnny!" was the booming announcement from sidekick Ed McMahon that ushered Carson out to the stage. Then the formula: the

topical monologue, the guests, the broadly played skits such as "Carnac the Magnificent."

But America never tired of him; Carson went out on top when he retired in May 1992. Actress-singer Bette Midler, who memorably serenaded Carson during the final show with "One More For My Baby," recalled him warmly Sunday.

"I was his last guest, and it was one of the most moving experiences of my life. He had it all. A little bit of devil, a whole lot of angel, wit, charm, good looks, superb timing and great, great class," Midler said in a statement.

His generosity to up-and-coming comics who got their big break on "Tonight" was lauded by Bill Cosby and others.

"Johnny was responsible for the beginning and the rise of success for more performers than anyone. I doubt if those numbers will ever be surpassed," Cosby said in a statement.

McMahon said Sunday that Carson was "like a brother to me."

"Our 34 years of working to-

gether, plus the 12 years since then, created a friendship which was professional, family-like and one of respect and great admiration," McMahon said in a statement. "When we ended our run on 'The Tonight Show' and my professional life continued, whenever a big career decision needed to be made, I always got the OK from 'The Boss.'"

Carson's personal life could not match the perfection of his career. Carson was married four times, divorced three. In 1991, one of his three sons, 39-year-old Ricky, was killed in a car accident.

Nearly all of Carson's professional life was spent in television, from his postwar start at Nebraska stations in the late 1940s to his three decades with NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

Carson chose to let "Tonight" stand as his career finale, withdrawing into a quiet retirement that suited his private nature and refusing involvement in other show business projects.

Carson spent his retirement

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"Garden State" is a smartly written film that truly connects with its audience. "Scrubs" star Zach Braff makes a smooth jump from TV to the movies by playing Andrew Largeman, a twenty something loner who returns to his childhood hometown after the surprise death of his mother. It's Natalie Portman (also great in "Closer") who really stands out in her role as the talkative but loveable Sam. "Garden State" is touching, truthful, funny and boasts the best soundtrack I've heard all year.

8. Before Sunset (Richard Linklater; R)

In a great year for family

Mel Gibson's film isn't

flawless, but it was powerful enough to transform crowds of people into believers and even convinced one Texas man to confess to murder. "The Passion of the Christ" is passionate, powerful, brave and even flawed; much like the film's uncompromising director.

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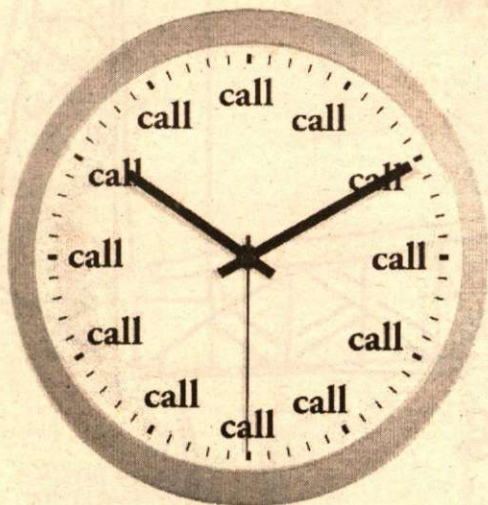
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CARSON: Host will be re- membered as a great comedian

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years sailing, traveling and socializing with a few close friends including media mogul Barry Diller and NBC executive Bob Wright. He simply refused to be wooed back on stage.

Carson made his debut as "Tonight" host in October 1962 and quickly won over audiences. He even made headlines with such clever ploys as the 1969 on-show marriage of eccentric singer Tiny Tim to Miss Vicki, which won the show its biggest-ever ratings.

The wedding and other noteworthy moments from the show were collected into a yearly "Tonight" anniversary special.

In 1972, "Tonight" moved from New York to Burbank. Growing respect for Carson's consistency and staying power, along with four consecutive Emmy Awards, came his way in the late 1970s.

His quickness and his ability to handle an audience were impressive. When his jokes missed their target, the smooth Carson won over a groaning studio audience with a clever look or sly, self-depre-

cating remark.

Competing networks tried a variety of formats and hosts to challenge Carson, but never managed to beat "Tonight."

There was the occasional battle with NBC: In 1967, for instance, Carson walked out for several weeks until the network managed to lure him back with a contract that reportedly gave him \$1 million-plus yearly.

In 1980, after more walk-out threats, the show was scaled back from 90 minutes to an hour. Carson also eased his schedule by cutting back on his workdays; a number

of substitute hosts filled in, including Joan Rivers, Jerry Lewis and Jay Leno, Carson's eventual successor.

In the '80s, Carson was reportedly the highest-paid performer in television history with a \$5 million "Tonight" show salary alone. His Carson Productions created and sold pilots to NBC, including "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes." Carson himself made occasional cameo appearances on other TV series.

He also performed in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, N.J., and was host of the Academy Awards five times in the '70s

and '80s.

Carson's graceful exit from "Tonight" did not avoid a messy, bitter tug-of-war between Leno and fellow comedian David Letterman to take over his throne.

In 1958, Carson sat in for "Tonight Show" host Paar. When Paar left the show four years later, Carson was NBC's choice as his replacement.

After his retirement, Carson took on the role of Malibu-based retiree with apparent ease. An avid tennis fan, he was still playing a vigorous game in his 70s.

Carson won a Presidential

Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1992, with the first President Bush saying, "With decency and style he's made America laugh and think." In 1993, he was celebrated by the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors for career achievement.

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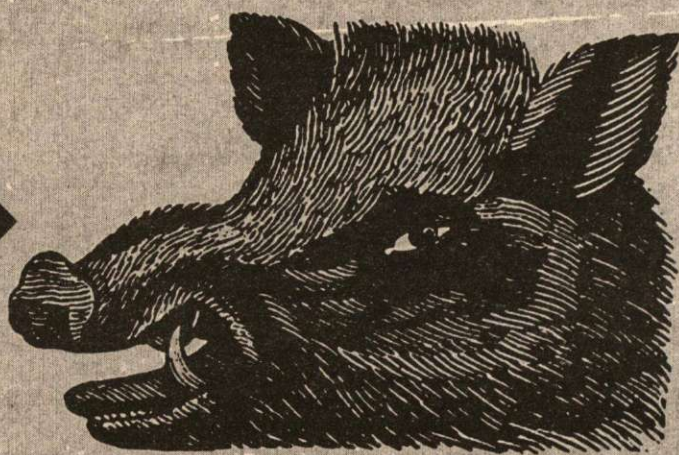


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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Sweepin' up Mavs

By ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 3 UMD women's hockey team rewrote three school records during last weekend's series sweep of Minnesota State-Mankato at home.

MSMU arrived in Duluth tied for the nation's longest winning streak at six games, but were faced with the reality of never having won at the DECC.

"UMD is a really good team," Mustangs' forward Amanda Stohr said. "We knew coming in that it would be a tough match-up."

Friday's action saw the Bulldogs make the most of their scoring opportunities, while defending the MSMU power play. En route to scoring three short-handed goals, UMD broke the previous record of two reached on three separate occasions throughout team history.

Initiating the scoring spree for UMD was Jessica Koizumi, who scored the lone full strength point of the evening at 15:46 in the first period.

Leading 1-0, the Bulldogs would hit their stride during the Mavericks' 5-4 man advantage.

The majority of school records for UMD were set by winger Noemie Marin, who with less than two minutes remaining in the opening stanza recorded the first two short-handed goals of her collegiate career within 27 seconds. She now holds the mark for the fastest consecutive short-handed tallies and the quickest two goals by a player in a game.

After the game, Marin was quick to point out that when facing an opponent's power play, the defense is what creates the chances offensively.

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Up Next: Bemidji State at UMD, 7:05 p.m., Sat. & Sun., DECC

MEN'S HOCKEY

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UMD STATESMAN ARCHIVES

UMD winger Nick Anderson (right) gets into it with one of the Golden Gophers during one of last year's games at the DECC. The Bulldogs were undefeated against Minnesota last year during regular season play.

A rivalry renewed

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

The University of Minnesota Duluth men's hockey team defeated the No. 1 nationally ranked Colorado College Tigers last weekend and hopes to get a similar outcome from the upcoming series against the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

This season has provided its fair share of highs, lows and in-betweens for the UMD men's hockey team, who have found new life going into the most important stretch of the season.

After compiling a 1-2-1 record during the semester break, the Bulldogs faced a tough challenge in CCU. Following a 3-3 tie on Friday, the Bulldogs continued to battle Saturday showing no intimidation playing on their opponent's ice. Josh Johnson was in goal for the third consecutive

contest and after four different Bulldog players scored, UMD skated away with a 4-3 win.

"It was a huge win two Saturdays ago against St. Cloud and then getting three of four points against Colorado College," said UMD captain Evan Schwabe. "They were number one in the country so it was pretty big."

Bulldogs' Head Coach Scott Sandelin knows that as the season comes closer to the end teams will be looking to align themselves for postseason play.

"Obviously, with 10 games left for everybody this is an important stretch," Sandelin said about his team's upcoming schedule. "We are trying to get better. Winning has a way of giving guys confidence, especially against a good team [like Colorado College]."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Buzzer beater shocks Coyotes

BIG WIN: Emerson's three-pointer as time expires sinks South Dakota.

By ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

University of Minnesota Duluth forward John Emerson became a hero in the closing seconds of last Saturday's game against No. 18 South Dakota at Romano Gymnasium.

Emerson, who has been showcasing his shooting accuracy all season, shared his thoughts about the outcome while signing autographs for young fans after the game.

"We really needed to win this game," Emerson said. "I think it could really jump start our success down the stretch."

Emerson got his chance because of a missed USD one-and-one attempt, which ricocheted off the rim by a normally reliable free-throw shooter Josh Mueller, keeping the score at 73-71.

"Mueller is an 87 percent shooter from the line and I didn't expect him to miss that free throw," UMD Head Coach Gary Holquist said. "But, you never know what'll happen. I tried to ice him by calling a few timeouts and it worked out for us."

Choosing not to call a timeout with nine seconds remaining following this miss by Mueller, UMD guard Sean Seaman was credited with the most important assist of the game as he received a pass from forward John Vaudreuil and pushed the ball up the court, eventually finding Emerson spotting up for a three-point attempt from well beyond the arc.

His shot would touch nothing but the net as time expired sending the crowd of 1,468 into an all-out frenzy celebrating the 74-73 win.

UMD	74
USD	73

Emerson, who leads the team in three-point field goals attempted (138) and made (58), explained how the play developed.

"I got a screen from one of my teammates, then flared off of it and got an open look at the basket," he said.

Seaman led all scorers posting a game-high 22 points on 8/17 from the floor. He also added seven assists and nine rebounds. As for Emerson, 12 of his 18 total points came from three-point territory.

The Bulldogs found themselves behind the Coyotes, 42-37 at halftime, but still felt confident going into the second half of play according to Emerson.

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Up Next: St. Cloud State vs. Bulldogs, 8 p.m. Saturday at Romano Gymnasium

FOOTBALL

Bulldog linebacker sees action in Hula Bowl

By AARON PRICE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite playing on a football team with a 4-7 overall record that included a 1-5 mark in the North Central Conference, senior linebacker Russ Rabe was granted the opportunity to participate in the 2005 NCAA Hula Bowl.

This was the chance of a lifetime," said Rabe after returning from the game. "I got to go to Hawaii and practice with a number of NFL scouts watch-

ing and of course play football, what more could I ask for."

A starter in each contest in 2004 for UMD, Rabe became the second player in Bulldog football history to participate in a national Division I postseason all-star game on Saturday, Jan. 24. Former UMD offen-



UMD ATHLETICS
Senior Russ Rabe

sive tackle Dave Viaene was selected to participate in the 1988 East-West Shrine Bowl his final year at UMD. He later went on to become the eighth round draft pick of the Houston Oilers in 1988.

Rabe was one of five non-NCAA Division I players selected to participate in Saturday's game and the second Minnesota player to play at War Memorial Stadium on the island of Maui in Hawaii. University of Minnesota Golden

Gophers' safety Justin Fraley was the first.

"I got the call on a Sunday night around 9," said Rabe. "I was told earlier in the week that I would be an alternate if someone were to back out. When I got the call to play in the Bowl I was shocked and thrilled."

The Hula Bowl, which is in its 59th year, awards a select few college football players from all over the country a chance to play with the "best

of the best," the NCAA has to offer. Since 1947 the Hula Bowl has featured a majority of Heisman Trophy winners as well as countless future NFL stars including Tony Dorsett, O.J. Simpson, Billy Sims and many more.

"It was a great honor for Rabe," said football Head Coach Kyle Schweigert. "I feel he really deserves to showcase his talent because he has worked very hard to do so."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stepping up to the coach's challenge

By ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

As a result of their most recent victory, the UMD women's basketball team has put together a two-game winning streak for the first time during interconference competition.

"We gave our players a challenge," UMD Head Coach Karen Stromme said. "We haven't put two straight games together since losing at North Dakota State on Dec. 15."

Last Saturday at Romano Gymnasium, the No. 23 Bulldogs won their first NCC home game of the season over No. 16 South Dakota, 73-63.

The Bulldogs seized a ten-point halftime advantage by rallying behind leading scorer Lindsey Dietz's 18 points at the break on 7/8 from the floor.

As the second stanza began, USD embarked on a 13-3 run and eventually took the lead for the first time since early in the first half on a free throw by Ashley Robinette, making the score 47-46.

"The momentum swung back and forth over the course of the game," UMD point guard Tanysha Scott said. "We kept our heads in the game and that was the big thing."

Following the lead change, UMD responded a minute later and held on to the advantage for the remainder of the game.

"We need to put 40 minutes of basketball together," Stromme added. "That 13-3 run could've lost us the game."

Despite misfiring on 25 of 35 three-point field goals, the Bulldogs were able to overcome shooting 37 percent from the field by forcing the Coyotes into 15 turnovers that resulted in 20 UMD points.

Dietz finished with a game-high 24 points on 10/17 from the floor. Other players reaching double figures in scoring for the Bulldogs were guards Scott and Tasha Martin, who each accounted for 12 points.

Dietz and Justine Axtell provided the intangibles for the Bulldogs with five offensive rebounds each, a statistic that became a huge advantage for UMD, who held a 15-to-9 advantage over the visitors.

Although four players managed double figures for South Dakota, Dietz was pleased with the team's defense of the three-point line as they limited the Coyotes to just 27.8 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

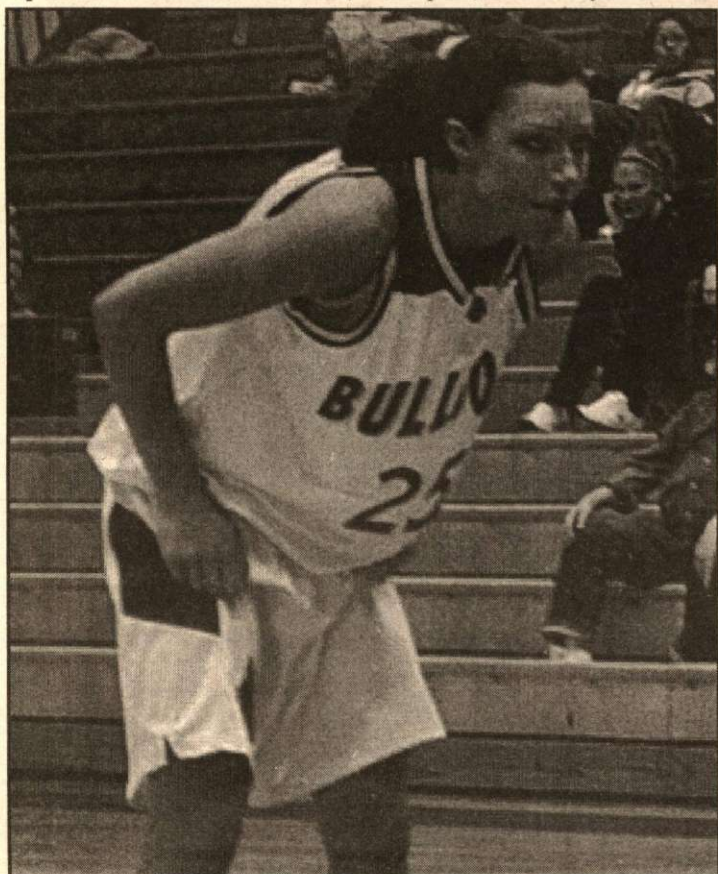
"South Dakota is an excellent team," Dietz said. "We did a good job of shutting down their three-point ability."

UMD (14-5 overall, 3-2 NCC) will look to extend its winning streak to three on Saturday against St. Cloud State (14-5, 1-3 NCC) at home.

The Huskies are coming off a 72-60 defeat by North Dakota in Grand Forks last weekend and will be looking to avenge a 79-69 loss to UMD earlier this season in St. Cloud on Jan. 8.

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Up Next: St. Cloud State at UMD, Sat. 6 p.m., Romano Gymnasium



LANCE A. FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

UMD forward Justine Axtell gathered 10 rebounds against South Dakota Saturday.

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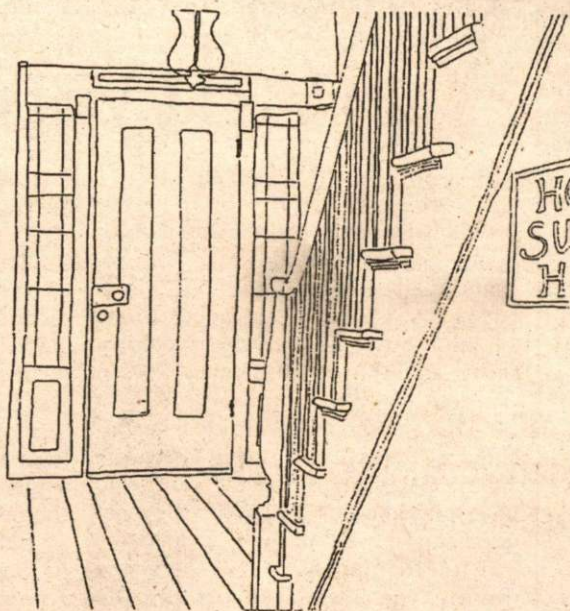
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RIVALRY: UMD looks to continue road success at Mariucci

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Any momentum UMD can muster will help them in the upcoming weekend when they face intrastate rival University of Minnesota Twin Cities. UMTC is struggling as they have lost their last four at home, including a series sweep last weekend by Michigan Tech, who is currently the last place team in the WCHA.

Sandelin says he is not concerned with the Gophers' recent struggles.

"We have to play them either way," he said. "They aren't playing well, but it will be another good test to see if we can win the tough road games."

Meanwhile, Schwabe expects the Gophers to play up to their known potential.

"I don't think [the losing streak] will effect them too much," Schwabe added. "We expect them to bring their best, maybe even more."

Though the rivalry is always heated, this year the Bulldogs and the Gophers will meet in only one series during the regular season. This puts urgency on UMD to salvage their 8-9-3 record in the WCHA and prove that they can win tough games on the road, much like last weekend against the Tigers.

UMTC will set out to prove that Mariucci Arena can still be a hostile environment for any visitor to play in.

"Anytime we play a game at

Mariucci it's not too hard to get excited about," said Schwabe about the road games.

The last time these two teams competed was in the NCAA Midwest regional finals where UMD ended the UMTC season winning 3-1. In last year's regular season, the Bulldogs swept the Gophers twice, once in Mariucci and once at home in the DECC.

This year statistically, the Twin Cities edges Duluth slightly in most categories. Most importantly, UMTC averages 3.78 goals per game compared to Duluth's 3.20.

The puck is spread around the Gophers and as a result only one Gopher resides in the top 10 on the WCHA point leader board. UMD seeds three including: Evan Schwabe (No. 2), Marco Peluso (No. 7) and Tim Stapleton (tied for No. 8). Minnesota also ranks higher than Duluth in goals allowed,

power play percentage and penalty kill percentage.

However, Duluth does hold an advantage over Minnesota in goaltending, with the recent success by Johnson, who holds the seventh best save percentage in the league. UMTC goalie Kellen Briggs is ranked No. 10 and is the favorable starter for the Gophers. Briggs has played the most minutes out of any active player in the WCHA.

Sandelin is most apprehensive about Minnesota's dominant power plays and hopes that his players will stay out of penalty trouble to remain at full strength for most of the game. He was also quick to mention that, at the moment, some of the Gophers' forwards are banged up, but still expects a tough series.

"The Gophers have 18 wins and they are a very good team," said Sandelin who commented on how the Gophers play. "Ev-

ery good team goes through some bad stretches."

UMD is the conference leader in penalty minutes coming into this weekend's action averaging just over 20 penalty minutes a game.

"We shouldn't be leading the league in penalty minutes," Sandelin said. "We are taking lazy penalties, penalties that shouldn't be taken."

Schwabe expects the Bulldogs to come out focused on the task at hand.

"If we don't stay out of the penalty box we can't win," he said. "We need to play a lot like we did against Colorado College to be successful."

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UPSET: UMD will try to avenge early season loss to Huskies

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"We went out there and played relentlessly," Emerson said. "That's what it takes. When they made their runs, we fought them off, made a run of our own and that ended up winning us the game."

Holquist was proud of his players' focus and thinks the team may have grown up some as a result of their effort.

"Every possession was important for us against them,"

Holquist said. "Tonight maybe our hard work through this season has paid off."

"The players put their heart and soul into winning the close games and we finally got one to go our way," Holquist continued. "This team has enjoyed a lot of mental maturity of late."

This weekend against St. Cloud State (14-4, 2-2 NCC), UMD (10-10, 2-3 NCC) will attempt to climb above .500 for the first time since losing to Michigan Tech on Dec. 28. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. at Romano Gymnasium.

Earlier this season, the Huskies defeated the Bulldogs 74-71 in St. Cloud on Jan. 8.

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LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

John Emerson (20) scored 18 points against the University of South Dakota Coyotes, Saturday at Romano Gym.



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RABE: Sack record is only part of accomplishments

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Rabe ended his career as a Bulldog with 224 total tackles including 45.5 tackles for a loss. He also finished his career as the school's all-time leader

in sacks with 29 total.

This season alone, Rabe led the team with total tackles (73) and tackles for a loss (17.0), which also put him first in the NCC. He finished second on the team for total sacks (8.0) and third in the NCC.

"This season, Russ was definitely a huge part of our defensive planning," said Schweigert. "As a player and as an individual he has represented the University of Minnesota Duluth and the North Central Conference very well."

During his final year at

UMD, Rabe has earned some high honors. He has recently received the honor of First Team All-NCC as well as national honors in *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* and *CollegeSportsReport.com*.

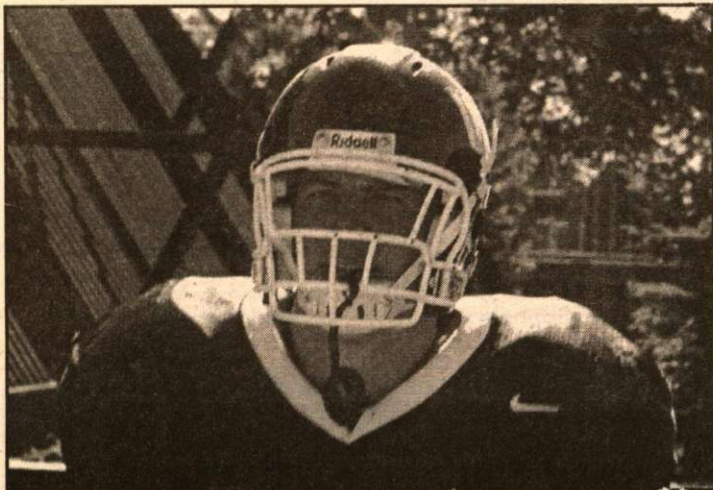
Rabe was also fortunate enough to receive a D2Football.

com All-American Honorable Mention to participate in the 2005 Cactus Bowl, an event recognized as the United States' Division II football all-star game.

"Every part about being in Hawaii was amazing," said Rabe. "Being able to play with

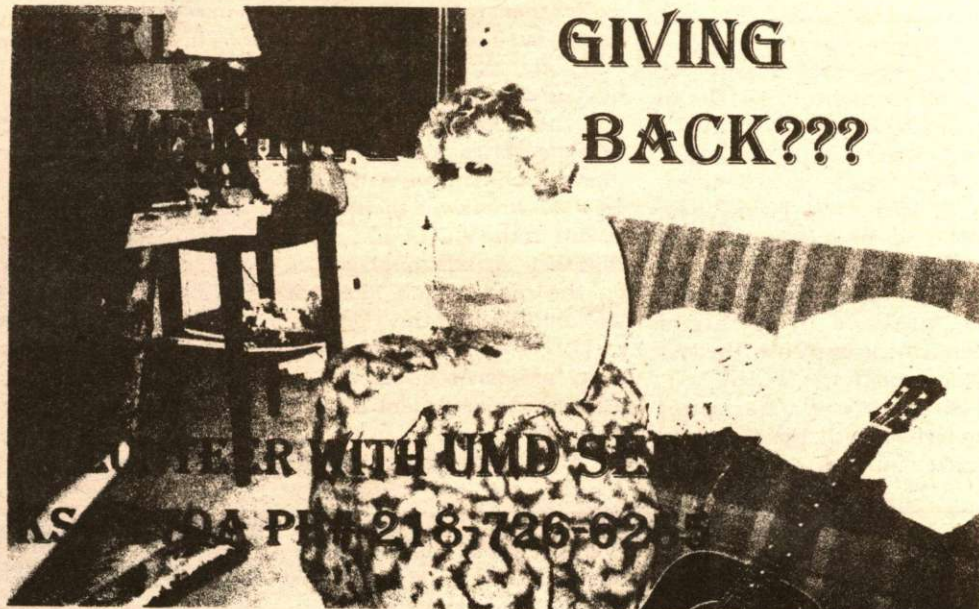
some of the best athletes from Div. 1 was an extraordinary experience. The weather was great and the experience was dream-like."

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Rabe led the Bulldogs in quarterback sacks during the 2003 season.



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SWEEP: Bulldogs to host the Beavers at the DECC

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It's fun to set a record," Marin said. "I'm happy about it. But it starts with our defense."

Bulldogs' captain Caroline Ouellette would round off the scoring and the new school

record with the third and final short-handed goal of the night at 2:41 in the second period.

"Ouellette and Marin are outstanding players," said Mankato Head Coach Jeff Vizenor after the game. "With those talented players out there, we have got to be careful because they feed off each other so well."

In victory, Bulldogs' goaltender Riitta Schaublin turned away 14 shots to earn the shutout.

Saturday's highlights nearly provided the same scoring outcome.

Julianne Vasichuk set a personal record by scoring two goals, coincidentally from nearly the same spot on the ice, to give the Bulldogs an early lead.

The Mavericks were able to find the net behind Schaublin during the second period, the only time during the series, cutting the deficit to 3-1.

Allison Lehrke eventually capped off the weekend by

scoring a goal of her own at 19:37 remaining in the second period.

Ouellette felt like her team met the challenges that the Mavericks presented.

"Mankato is a good team to play against and see where we are because they play physical," she said. "We really had a strategy to push them hard. I don't think they expected us to play that way."

Marin expressed confidence following the win.

"It's a good start for the next couple of games momentum wise," she said.

UMD (18-2-2 overall, 16-2-2 WCHA) will look to continue their three-game winning streak this weekend at home against Bemidji State beginning at 7:05 p.m. on Friday.

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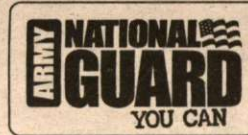
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-- Doug Larson

Ice fishing the Gunflint Trail

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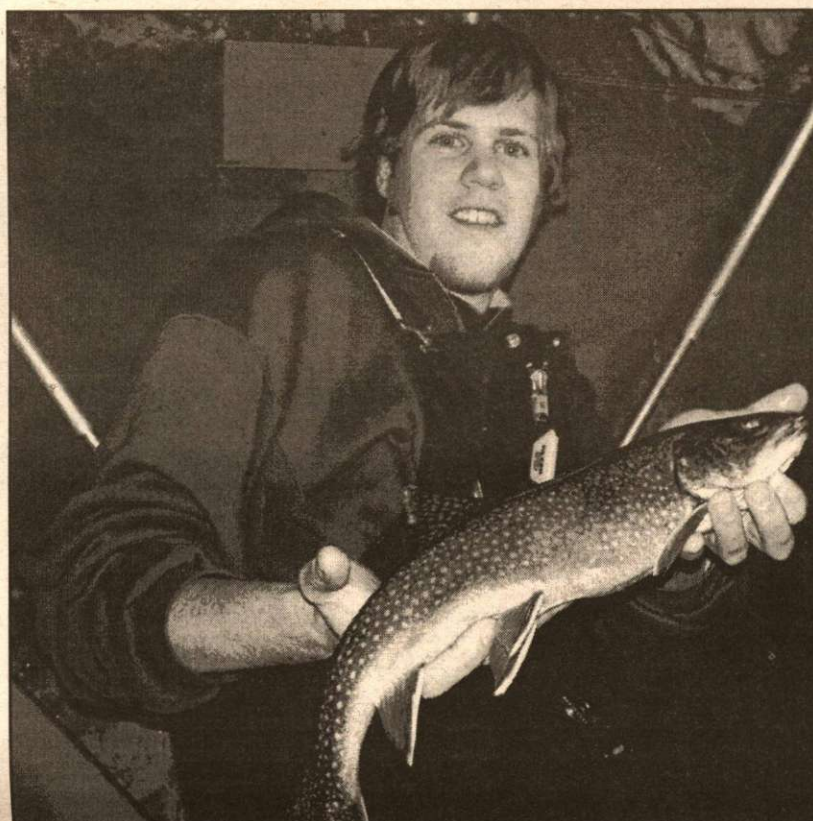
By KENT PAULSEN
STAFF WRITER

There are plenty of fishing and snowshoeing opportunities close to campus. But those willing to drive a little extra can reach almost absolute seclusion and access to some nearly virgin fisheries. Trade power lines for snow-covered pine trees and the well-beaten trails of Bagley for the historic logging roads where the only tracks you find are your own.

This winter paradise is called the Gunflint Trail, located off of Highway 61 in Grand Marais, a small harbor town on the north shore of Lake Superior. Along with the great fishing and beautiful scenery, you also have the opportunity to see moose, deer, wolves and bears (when not hibernating).

Fellow *Statesman* reporter Brian Porter and I, along with UMD students John Damhof and Jeremy Navratil, left Duluth early Saturday morning for our Gunflint adventure. We had rented snowshoes from the Kirby Game Room, at a cost of \$6 per day or \$13 for the weekend. With all the recent snowfall, renting snowshoes was worth every penny.

We arrived at the first lake around 9 a.m. Saturday morning. We unloaded our



KENT PAULSEN/UMD STATESMAN
Statesman writer Brian Porter with a Gunflint splake. Splake are a brook trout/lake trout hybrid species.

gear, threw on our snowshoes and were on our way. The lake was covered with about three feet of snow above a foot of slush. Travel without snowshoes would have been nearly impossible. Even with snowshoes and light sleds it was very slow going.

By 10 a.m. we were fishing and the action started right away with a couple of small splake. By the end of the first day we had iced about 15 splake, with the biggest going

over 20 inches. We finished the night with some pizza at Sven and Ole's and reflection on our day in our room at the Grand Marais Inn.

On Sunday we were feeling adventurous and decided to test the limits of my Jeep's four-wheel drive. We headed for a remote lake that required navigating small snow-covered logging roads. After an hour or so of slogging through (and shoveling out of) snow and slush, we arrived at a dead end.

The road leading to the lake had far too much snow for travel by vehicle, so we decided to pack up and hike in the old-fashioned way. About a mile and a half and three hours later, we arrived at our destination. The splake were hitting hard and often and by the end of the day we had iced over 50 fish between 12 and 20 inches.

When it was time to leave, we noticed that a plow had come by and made the drive out much easier. Toward the end of the trail we noticed a sign in the middle of the road -- facing the other direction. It

turns out that we had been driving on a road that had been closed due to all the snow and water!

We caught most of our fish on small Northland Forage Minnows and small plastic jigs tipped with wax worms. All of the fish were taken from water eight to 15 feet deep. Splake are a hybrid between brook trout and lake trout, uniquely most active in the winter and are ridiculously aggressive. These trout-on-

steroids are one of the most beautiful and best tasting fish that can be caught anywhere in the Northland. No fish puts up a better battle, pound for pound, on light tackle through the ice.

All that is really needed for an unforgettable trip like this is ice fishing gear, warm clothes, snowshoes, a shovel and a vehicle with four-wheel-drive. Just as important are a little patience, a sense of humor and a few good friends. The lakes off the Gunflint trail hold a mixed bag of rainbow, brown, brook trout and splake, and can be productive all season.

If you want to plan your own trip up the Gunflint Trail, a great place to start is www.grandmarais.com. Here you can find lodging, food and recreation information. To find out how the bite is going on the Gunflint, visit www.fishingminnesota.com; here you will find plenty of helpful advice from experienced anglers.

If nothing else, you can always just drive up for the day and do some exploring; even if you don't catch a limit of trout, the secluded wilderness and Northshore atmosphere will keep you heading north time and again.

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Salmon weasels out of fisherman's catch

By BRIAN PORTER
STAFF WRITER

One of the great things about spending time outdoors is that you can never be completely certain of what adventure is in store. There are endless possibilities for chaotic and often hilarious events. While strange, funny and possibly even a little frightening, such random occurrences have helped to pass the time on many a slow day in the field or on the water.

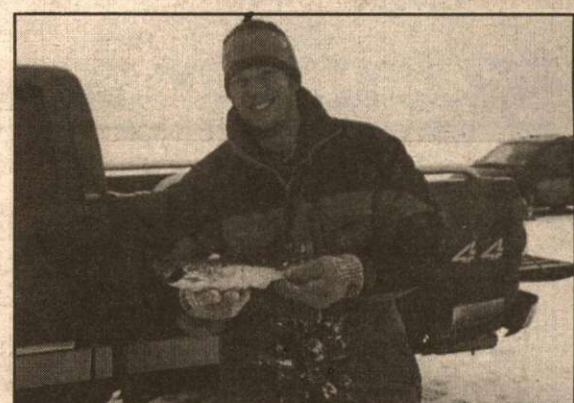
The most recent example of this phenomenon that I witnessed took place just outside of Ashland, Wis., several weeks ago. Five of us decided to do some ice fishing on the Chequamegon Bay of Lake Superior. Reports from the days prior to our excursion indicated an early morning bite, so we loaded up our gear and headed for Ashland around 3 a.m. Some typical combination of excitement and stupidity prevented us from getting any more than a wink or two of sleep the previous night. We arrived at the lake at a little past four. Unfortunately, fishing was quite slow, and by 8 a.m. most of us were trying to find an effective way to nap in a portable fish house. There is none.

Shortly after 8 a.m., the outing took a strange

turn. Only two coho salmon had been caught, having come through the holes of fellow anglers Tom Linderholm and *Statesman* reporter Kent Paulsen. They had been fishing in their shack close to Derrick Berry and I the entire morning.

Paulsen left his fish house momentarily to stretch his legs, and discovered that the fish he had put on the ice was nowhere to be found. Instantly assuming that Berry and I were the culprits, Paulsen instructed Linderholm to go and retrieve the fish from us. Paulsen was aware that my natural immaturity often results in silly pranks, but he did not realize that the combination of no sleep and no action that morning left me in no condition for fish-hiding foolery.

As Linderholm walked toward our shack, he let out a startled noise and yelled something about a squirrel running toward his nearby truck. Closer examination revealed that the fuzzy creature was in fact a weasel -- and it was in possession of Paulsen's fish. When Linderholm startled the furry varmint, it bolted toward his pickup and disappeared up into the engine compartment with its newly acquired meal. Starting the vehicle and revving the engine did not phase the creature, which was apparently



TOM LINDERHOLM/GUEST CONTRIBUTOR
Statesman writer and theft victim Kent Paulsen, at the scene of the crime, along with what was left of his coho after the criminal had been chased off.

comfortable in the warmth of the truck's engine.

Stuck somewhere between anger and confusion, Linderholm trudged back to his fish house to call Mrs. Linderholm (the actual owner of the truck) and inform her that a weasel and a salmon had gone missing under the hood of her Silverado.

The next few hours passed without any more fish or any more weasel sightings. Staying awake was not a problem though, as every half-hour or so someone would mention the ludicrous fact

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that there was an 18-inch weasel and a 16-inch salmon somewhere under the hood of Linderholm's truck. I'm not sure if it was the lack of sleep or the concentration of propane fumes from the ice shack heater, but the more we thought about the situation, the more humorous it became.

Shortly before noon, as weasel jokes over the two-way radios began to peter out, Linderholm decided to take a look under his hood. We watched from a distance as he opened it, then immediately slammed it shut and took off running around the side of the truck. Of course he denies it, but we heard something resembling a cry of terror come from his direction. It wasn't too difficult to imagine what had happened, but the firsthand account was even better. It seems that when he lifted the hood, Linderholm found himself staring directly into

the beady eyes of the weasel, which had been lounging on the engine block, and was probably still a little sleepy after its morning meal. The critter awoke quickly however and was able to muster up a fair amount of foul-smelling urine -- which it kindly deposited on the engine block before scurrying down out of sight, as the hood was slammed shut in a somewhat frantic manner.

After gathering his wits, Linderholm found his camera and once again lifted the hood in hopes of snapping a quick photo. Spotting the weasel, Paulsen began prodding it with a gaff, which the animal immediately sank its sharp little teeth into. The weasel then scampered out of the vehicle and hightailed it across the ice.

Linderholm and Paulsen took off in hot pursuit of the varmint; one armed with the gaff, the other the camera. The weasel flew across the open ice and quickly increased the distance between itself and its pursuers. A lone permanent ice house was situated about 150 yards from where the weasel had

eaten its breakfast, and the animal made a split second decision to seek shelter there at about the time Linderholm decided to abandon his pursuit. The weasel dove into the snow pilings around the house. The resident fishermen, obviously startled, managed to escape.

Linderholm felt obligated to walk over and explain the situation to the two bewildered fishermen, whose

icehouse was now being inundated with aromatic weasel musk. It turned out that one of the guys had been on his knees, chipping out his hole with a hammer, when the smelly varmint greeted him at close range. Fortunately, neither of the two fishermen harbored any hard feelings toward Linderholm for chasing a weasel into their shack, and the startled confusion soon gave way to a few chuckles.

The salmon was later recovered from the vehicle, missing only its head. The weasel has not been seen since and remains at large, so it would be wise to keep an eye on your catch -- especially if you have a warm truck nearby.

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Through Feb. 6 - Spirals in Space and Time: The Art of Leslie Bohnenkamp.

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Journey Jargons feature slides and personal experiences or trips taken by University for Seniors (US) members and guests. The Lectures cover a myriad of topics. Journey Jargons and Lectures are free and open to the public.

Journey Jargons: "Finland Adventure" will be presented

Monday, Jan. 31, at 11:15 a.m. in KPlz 311.

Lecture: "Use of Prototyping in Everyday Life" will be presented Monday, Feb. 7, at 11:30 a.m. at the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI), 5013 Miller Trunk Highway.

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Theatre Department

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Biology Seminar

"The Physiological Basis of Ecosystem Responses to Variable Rainfall" will be presented by Dr. Phil Fay, Center for Water and Environment, UMD-NRRI, Friday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. in LSci 185.

Volunteer Sexual Assault Advocate Training

PAVSA (Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault) is looking for volunteers to become sexual assault advocates.

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Research Seminar

"Probing the Properties of Proteins and Proteomes using Mass Spectrometry" will be presented by Dr. Timothy J. Griffin, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Biophysics, University of Minnesota, Monday, Feb. 7, at noon in SMed 130.

Library Tour

Get a brief tour of the UMD library next Monday morning or Tuesday afternoon. The tour will show you what's where in the library and highlight some of the special aspects of the architecture, which was done by a local firm. Meet in the lobby of the library Monday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m. or Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 4 p.m.

"Public Lands At Risk"

The Sierra Club "Public Lands at Risk" slide show tour comes to Duluth for two shows.

The first show is Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Chester Creek Café Conference Room, 1902 East 8th Street. The second show is Wednesday, Feb. 9, at noon in KPlz 333.

Geology Seminar

"Stratigraphy, Chronology and Age Models for the GLAD 8900 Drill Core in Bear Lake, Utah-Idaho" will be presented by Dr. Steven Colman, UMD Large Lakes Observatory and Department of Geological Sciences today at 4 p.m. in MWAH 191.

Music Department

Thursday, Feb. 3 - Ovation Guest Artist Series: Empire Brass, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Cost: \$25/\$20/\$15. All seats reserved. Advance purchase recommended.

Sunday, Feb. 6 - Twin Ports Wind Ensemble: The Wind Music of England, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

Black History Month

Watch this space weekly for a schedule of events for Black History Month.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, noon, K273 - Film: "A Remembrance of Martin."

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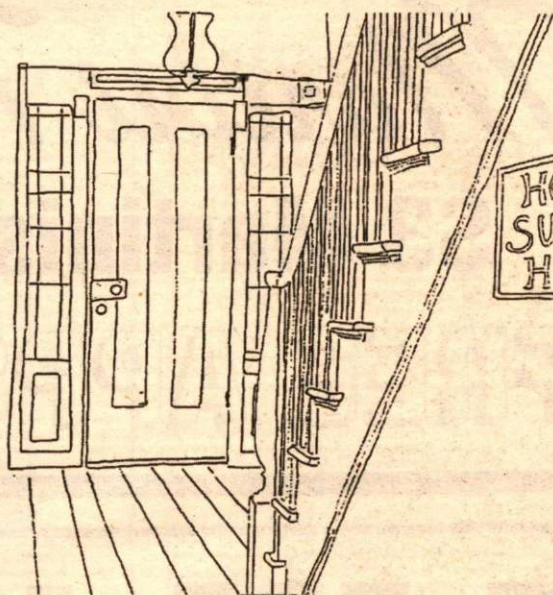
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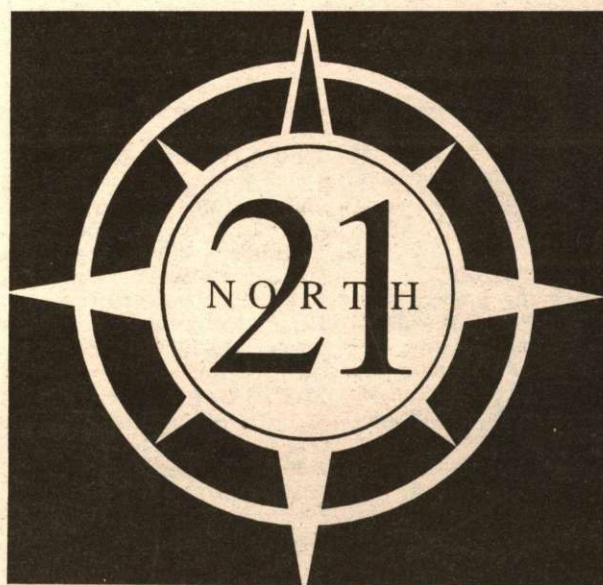
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